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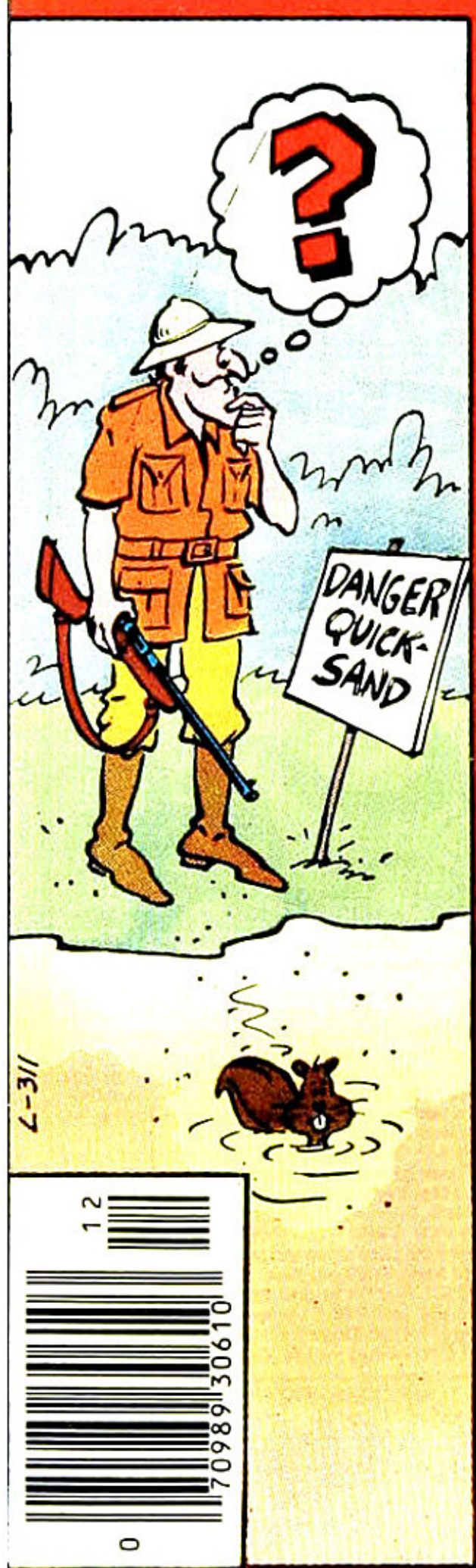

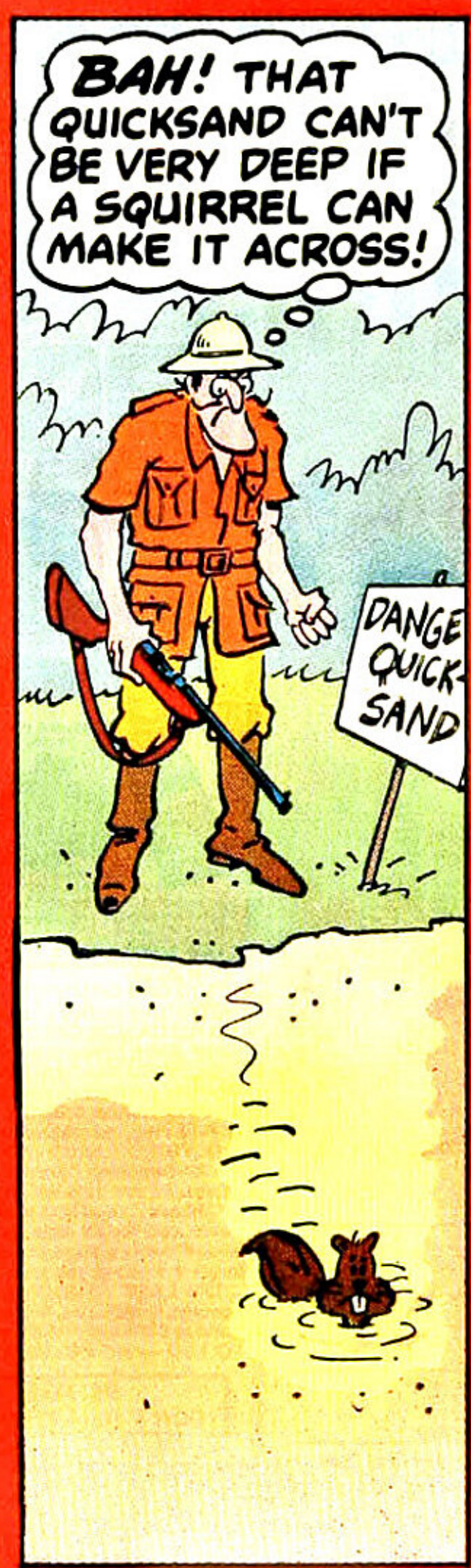

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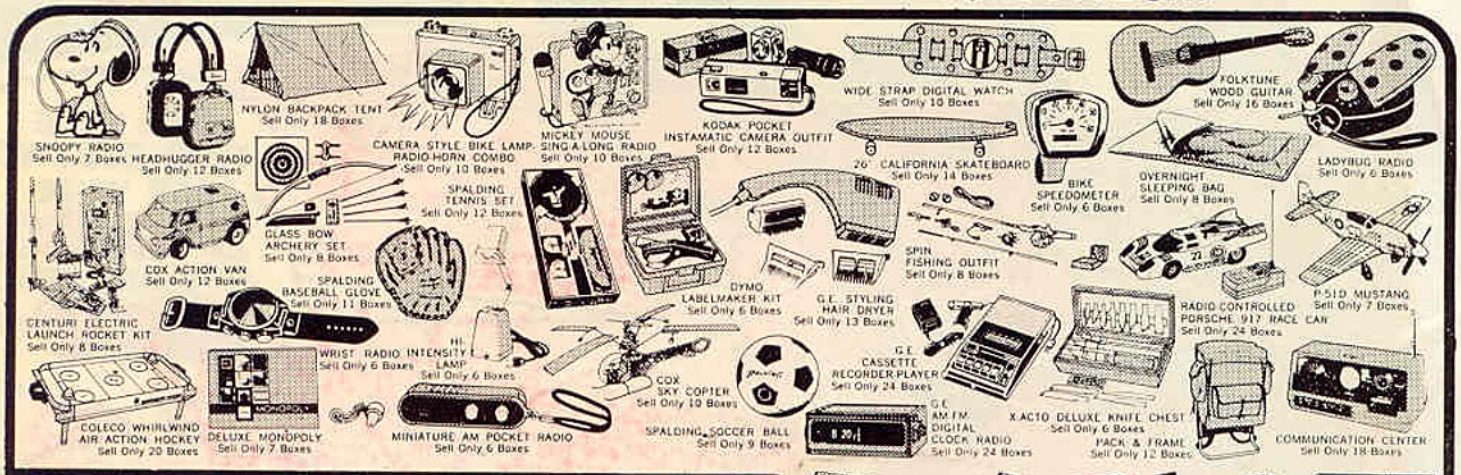

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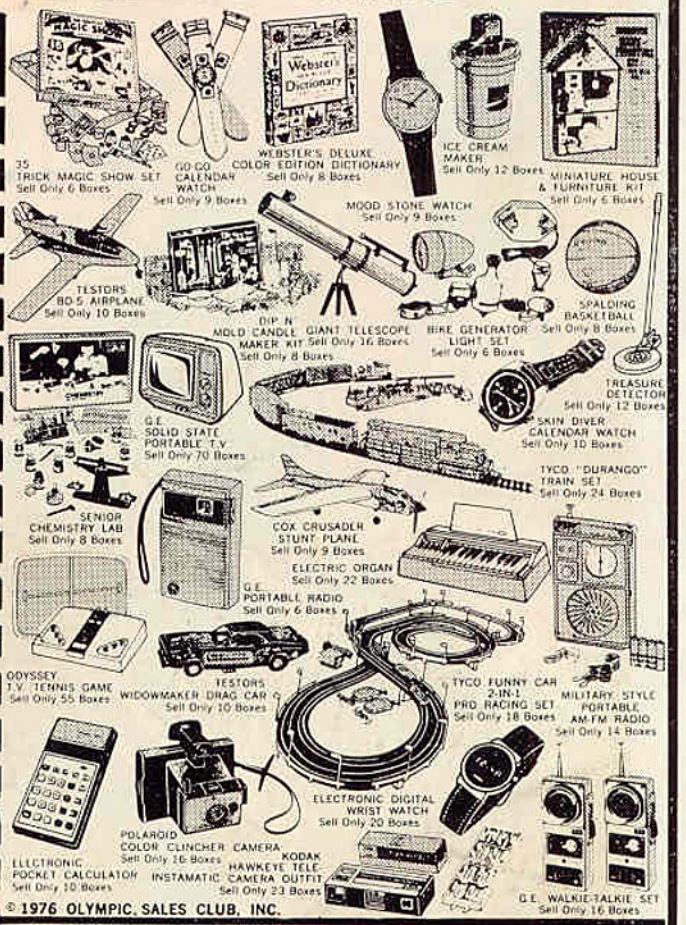

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RECEPTIONIST

HI, MY NAME IS EVE

HI, MY NAME IS CAIN

HI, MY NAME IS ABEL

NO...**NO--PLEASE!** I-I DON'T WANT TO GO **IN** THERE--NOT **TODAY!** EVERYONE'LL BE RUNNING AROUND AND SCREAMING LIKE HEADLESS CHICKENS!

T-TODAY'S THE D-DAY THEY P-PUT TOGETHER... **PLOP!**

GET IN THERE! AND TRY TO BE **INCONSPICUOUS**--WE RUN SOME **LEGITIMATE** BUSINESSES HERE, TOO--BESIDES THAT **TRIPE** THEY PUBLISH IN THERE!

SIT DOWN AND BE STILL! THOSE DISGUSTING **FUNNY BOOK PEOPLE** WILL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!

HEY, **LOOK,** FELLAS--**COMIC BOOKS!**

THAT REMINDS ME OF A STORY...

NOW **THERE'S** A SNAPPY TRANSITION! WHY COULDN'T YOU BE THAT CLEVER IN OUR FIRST 23 ISSUES?

SHUT UP, MONKEY-FACE, AND LET ME TELL MY STORY. IT'S ABOUT THIS KID WHO READS COMIC BOOKS, SEE...

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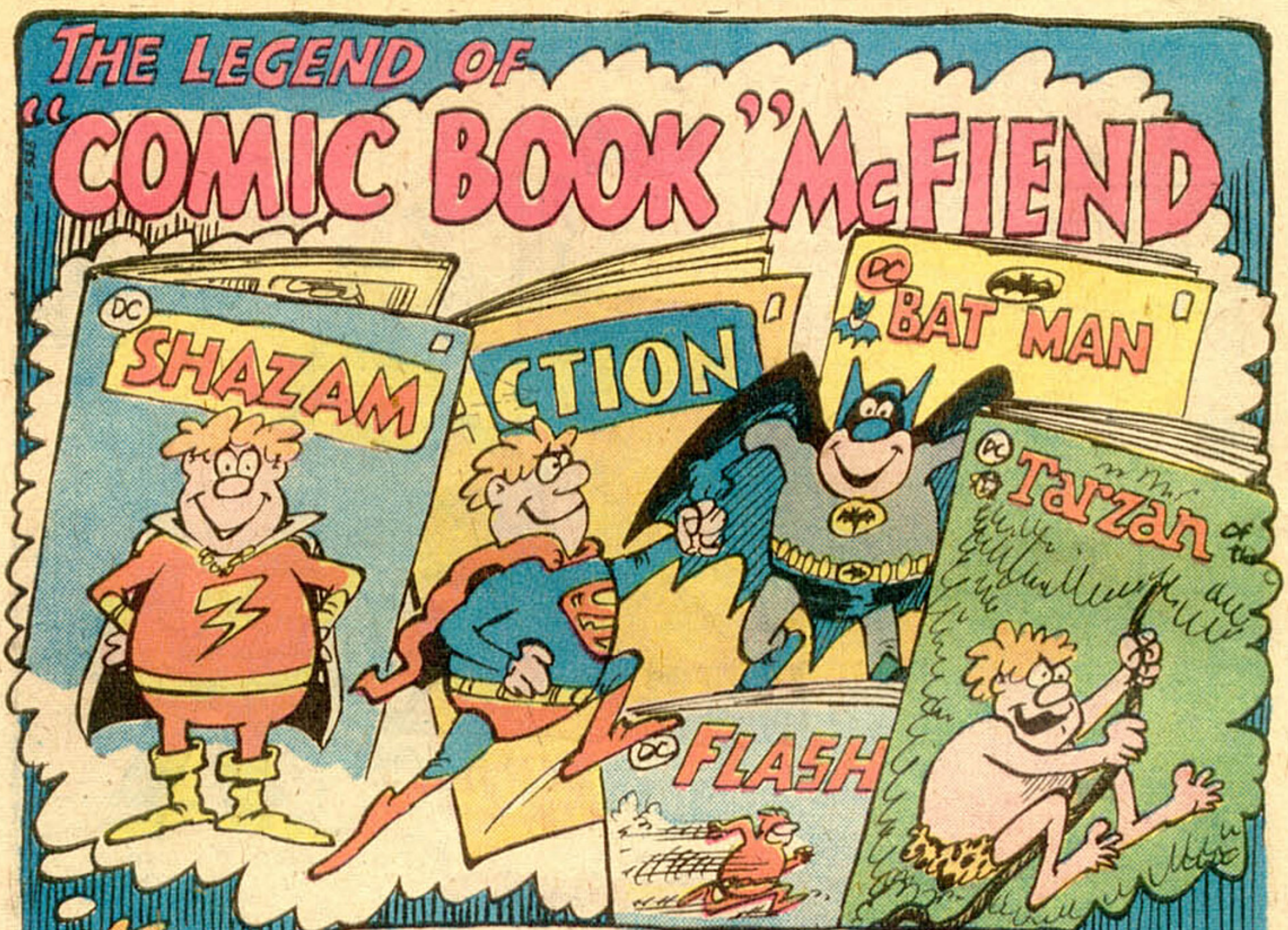
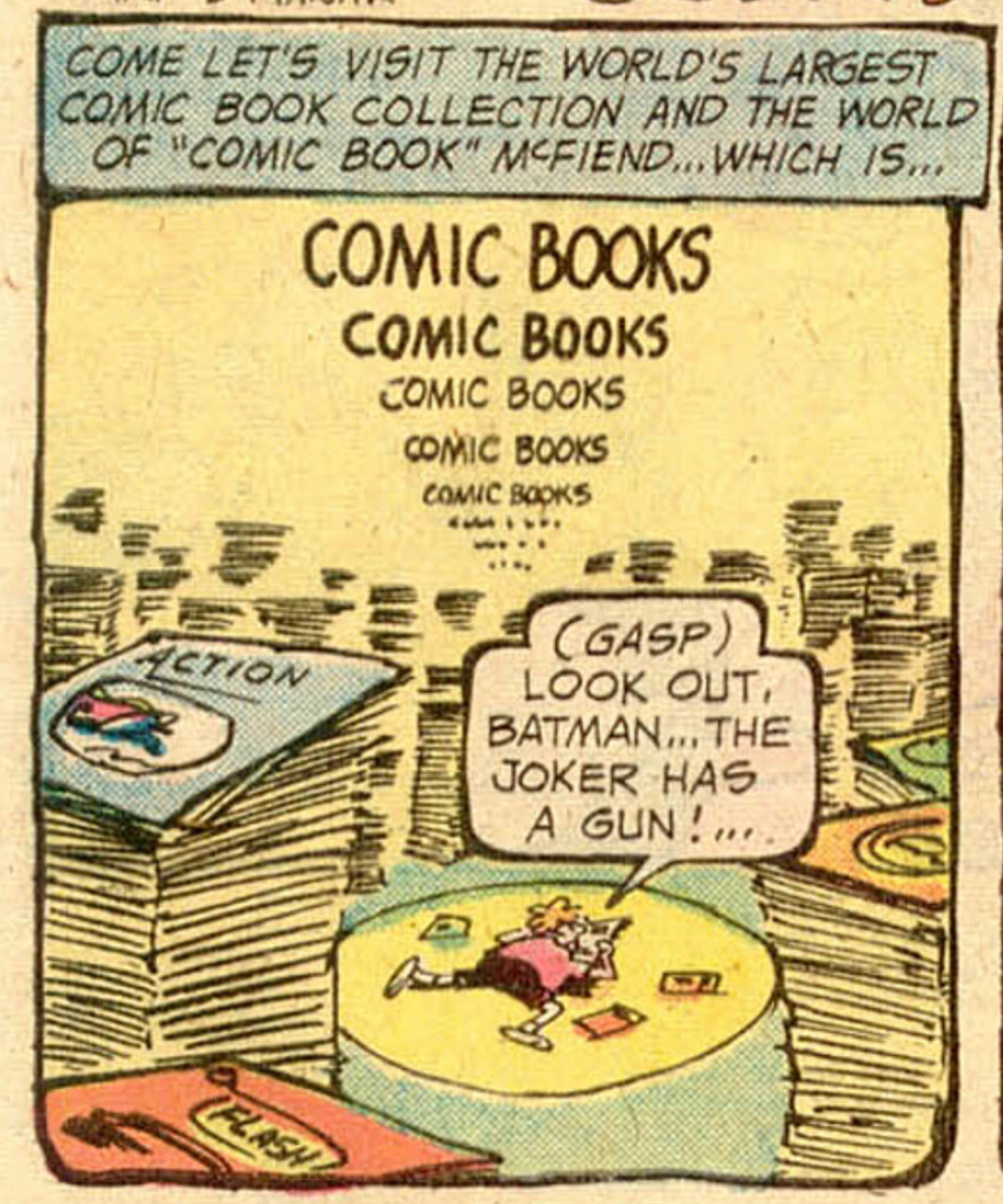
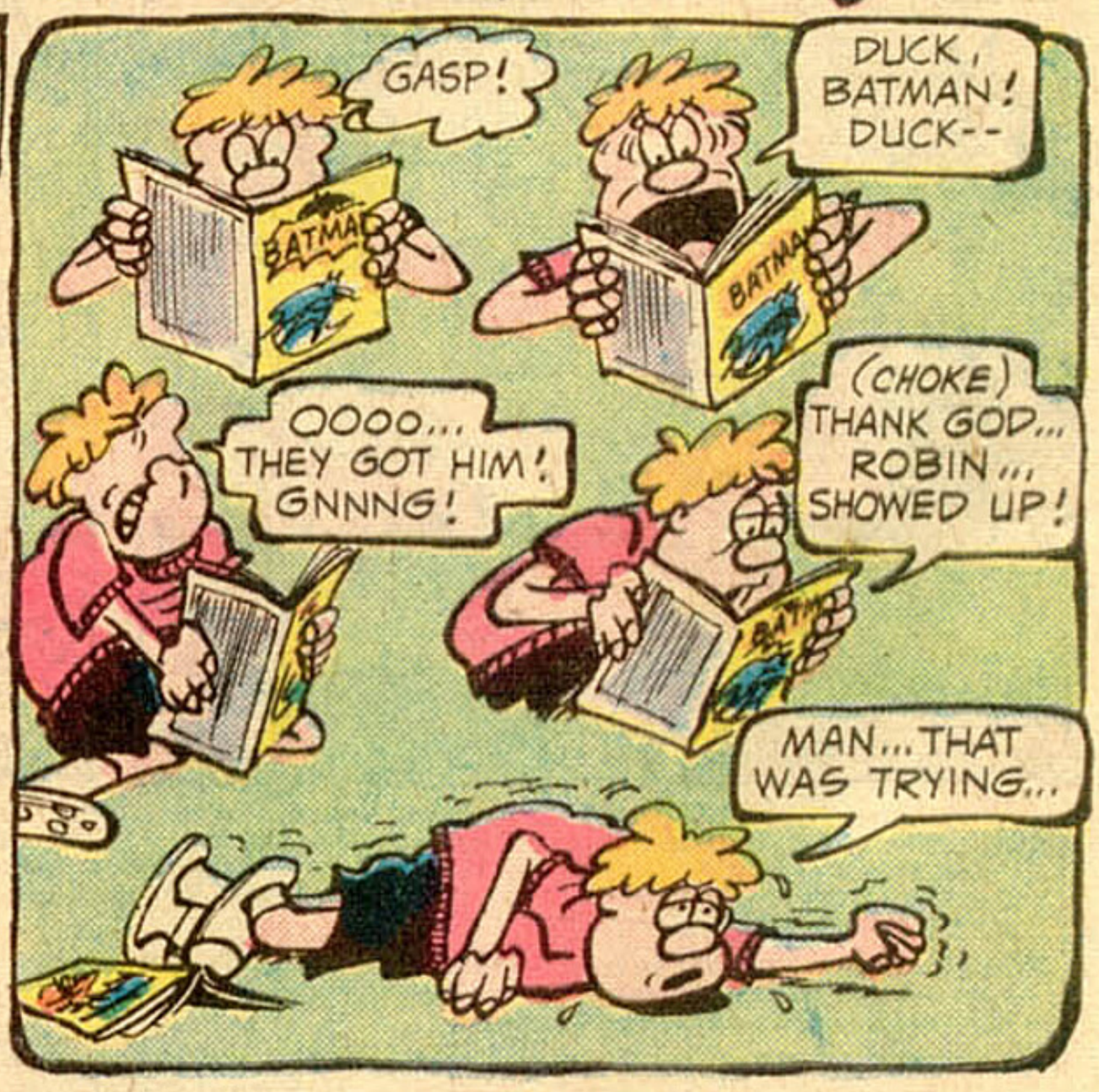


...A TWELVE YEAR OLD BOY THAT LIVES, BREATHES, AND LITERALLY ABSORBS COMIC BOOKS. EVERY FIBER IN HIS BODY IS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THIS WORLD OF FANTASY...AND THAT LEADS US TO A LITTLE EPISODE THAT I CALL...

THE BELLA BUTTON CAPER

STORY - D. EDWING
ART - D MANAK





...AND TODAY IN WASHINGTON-- THE NOTORIOUS AND BORING SENATE COMMITTEEWOMAN **BELLA BUTTON** HAD A LAW PASSED THAT TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY! THE LAW WILL...

FLASH

BAN COMIC BOOKS FOREVER!!

GASP!

NO!

...ALL KIDS ARE REQUIRED TO DESTROY THEIR COMIC BOOKS BY SIX O'CLOCK TONIGHT...OR COMMITTEE-WOMAN **BELLA BUTTON** WILL SNITCH TO THE COPS!

(GASP!) D-DESTROY MY COMIC BOOKS!!

CHOKE!

(SOB) NO... I CAN'T... I LOVE MY COMIC BOOKS...I'LL HIDE THEM... (GASP) I WON'T GIVE THEM UP!

SOB!

FLASH

HEY, KID... ...COOL IT!!

SUDDENLY...

WHO ARE YOU?

THE **GREAT COMIC BOOK SPIRIT**, KID... I HAVE A CRISIS ON MY BACK, AND I'M GOING TO NEED YOU!

ACTION

GEE... HOW CAN I HELP?

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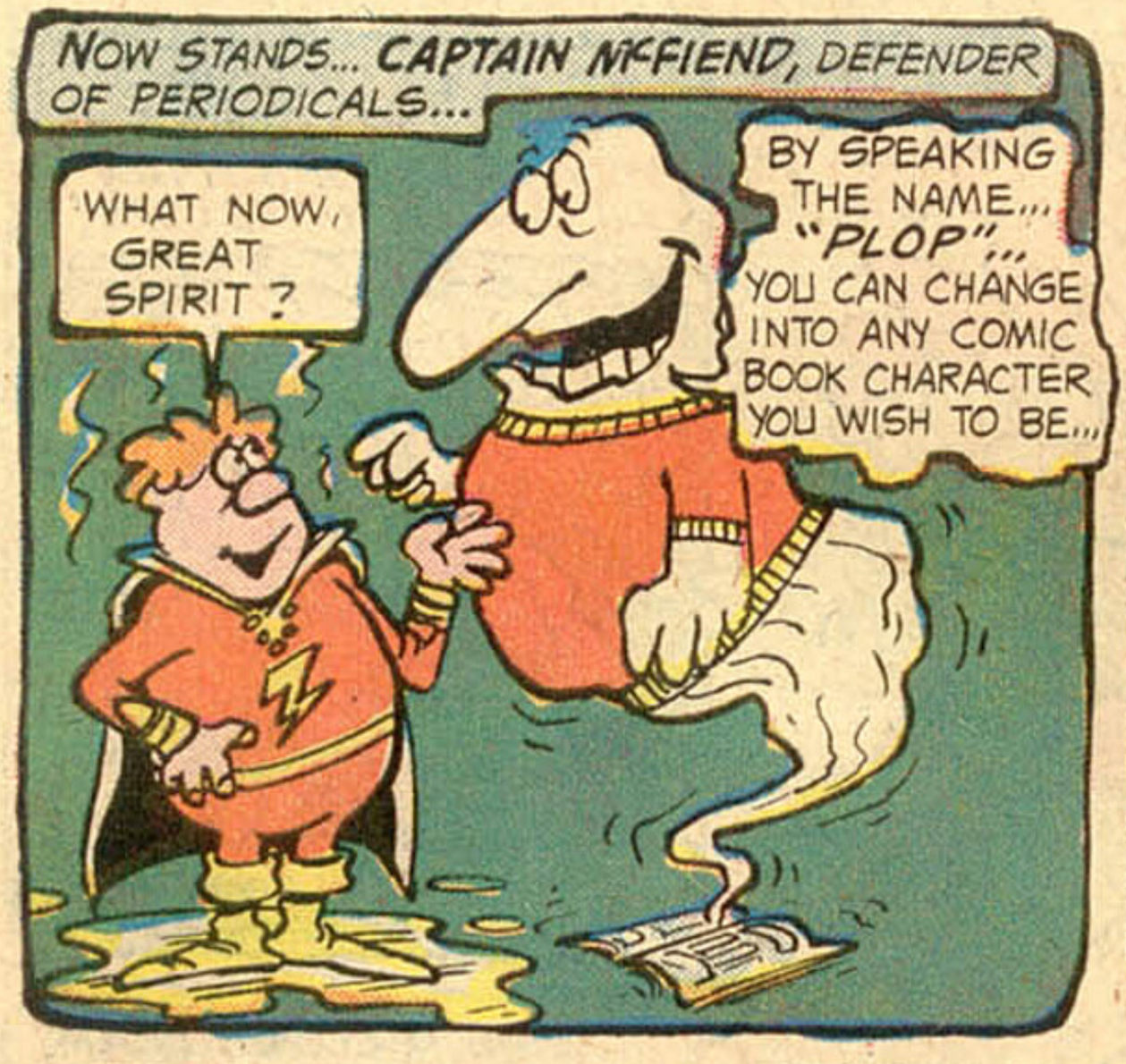
PLOP

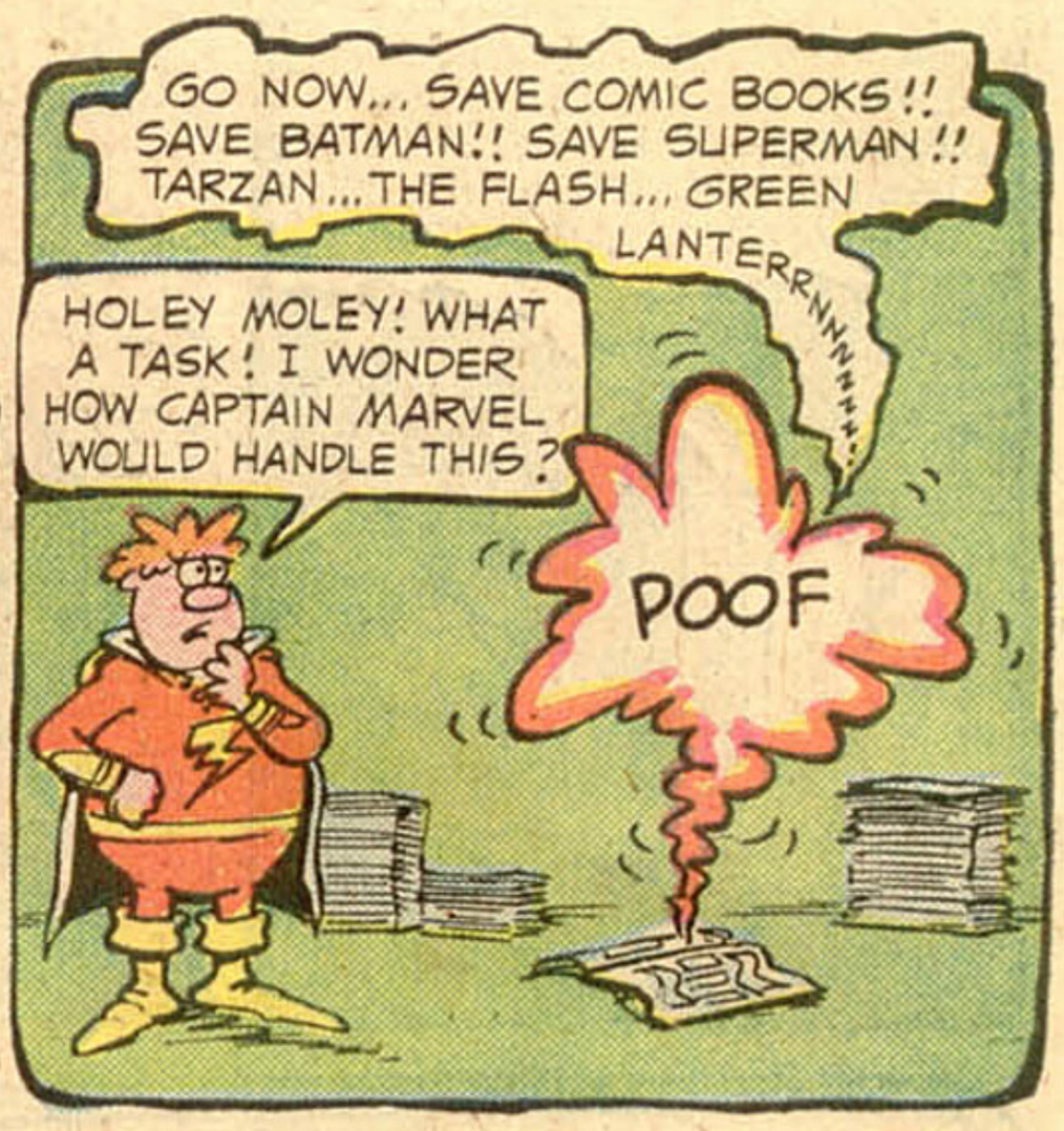
P- PUTRID
L- LOUSY
O- ODD
P- PLENTIFUL

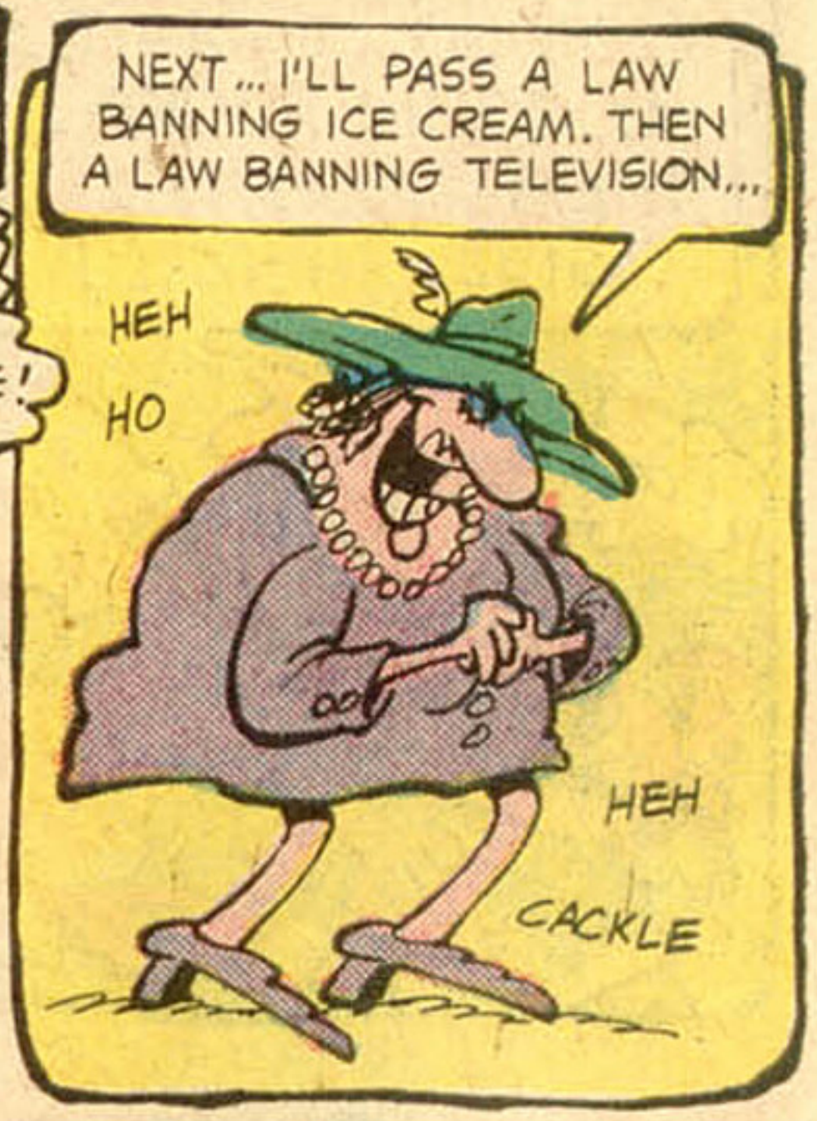
...A SUDDEN CLAP OF THUNDER... A FLASH OF LIGHT... A BRONX RASP-BERRY... AND WHERE "COMIC BOOK" McFIEND STOOD...

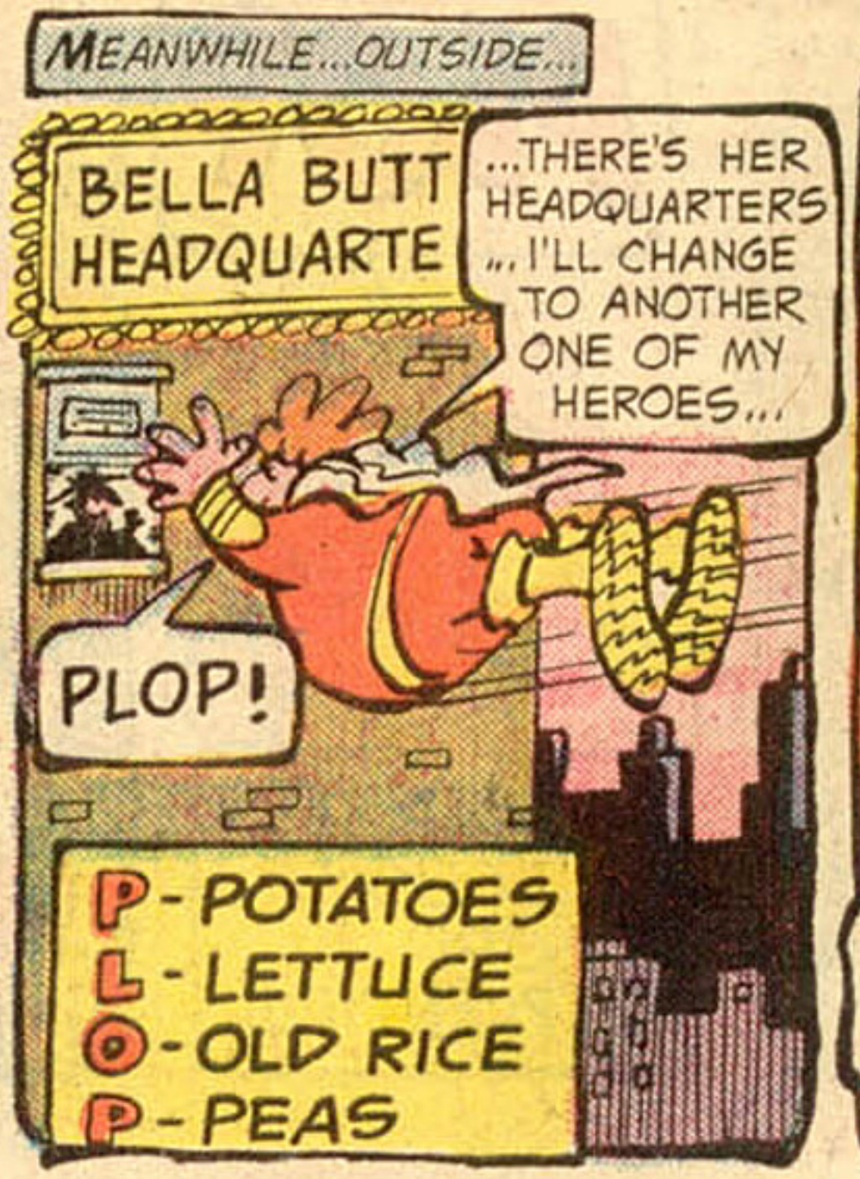
BRRAAAAAAAFGTT

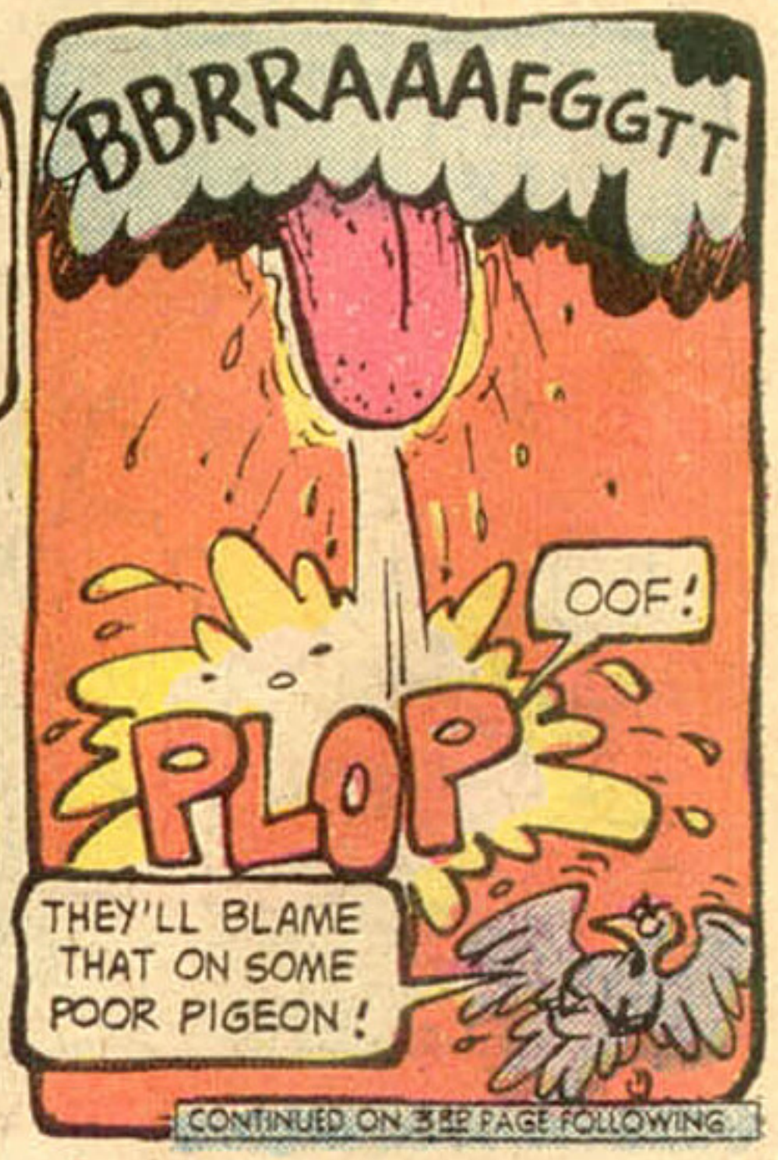
PLOP











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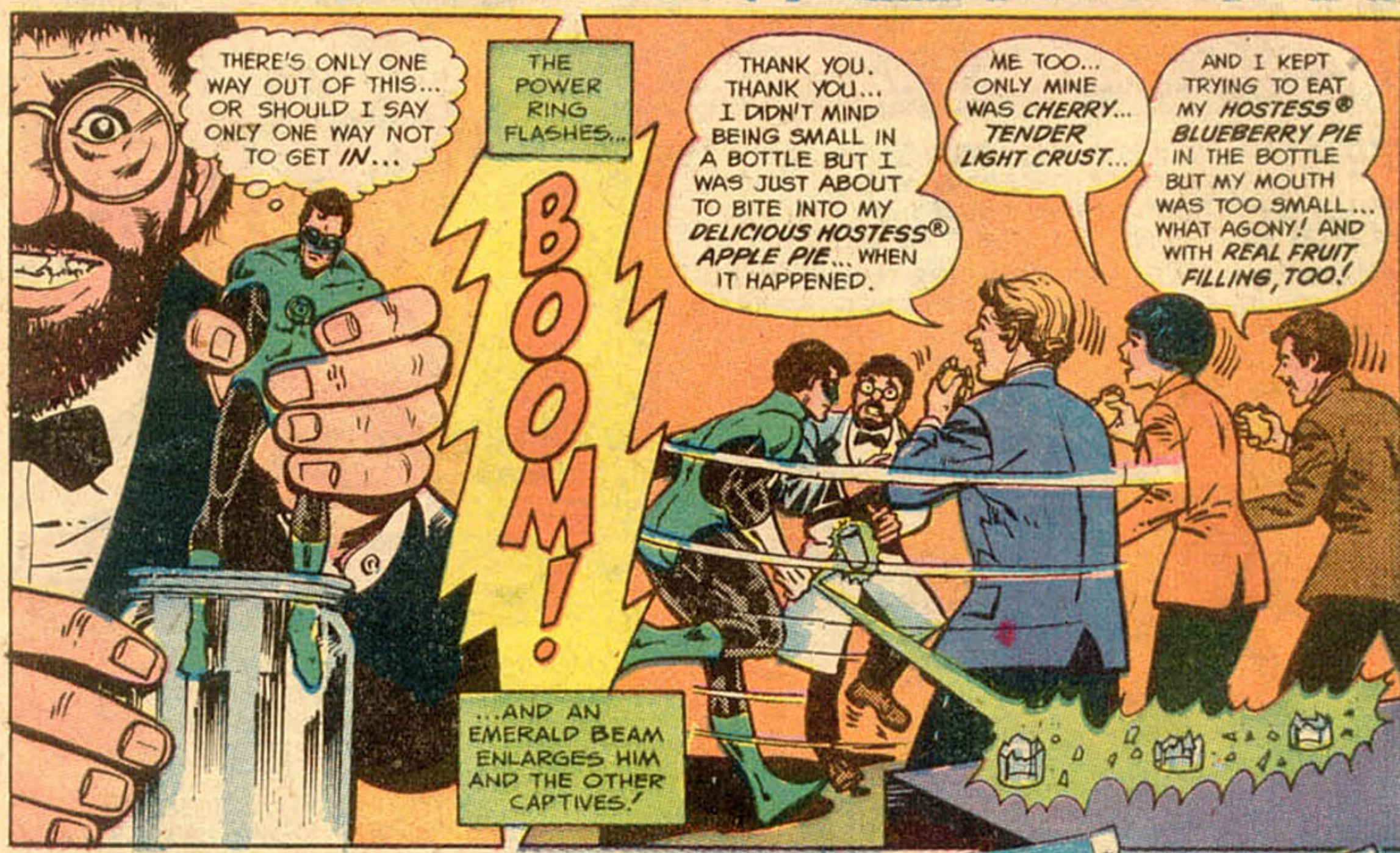

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TEEN TITANS: TOMORROW'S HEROES--TODAY! AND **DOCTOR LIGHT** WANTS TO WIPE THEM OUT BEFORE THEY CAN GET THEIR CAREERS STARTED!

WILL MAL, THE NEWEST **TEEN TITAN**, BE ABLE TO STOP THE LUMINOUS LAWBREAKER--OR WILL **DOCTOR LIGHT** SUCCEED IN KILLING THEM... AND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE AS WELL? ON SALE AUGUST 19th!

TEEN TITANS

DETECTIVE COMICS

COMMISSIONER GORDON--KIDNAPPED! THE RANSOM? BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY--A SECRET EVEN COMMISSIONER GORDON DOESN'T KNOW! IS GORDON DOOMED... WILL BRUCE WAYNE BE SACRIFICED TO SAVE HIM... OR WILL "THE BEST-KEPT SECRET IN GOTHAM CITY" BE REVEALED? ON SALE AUGUST 31st!

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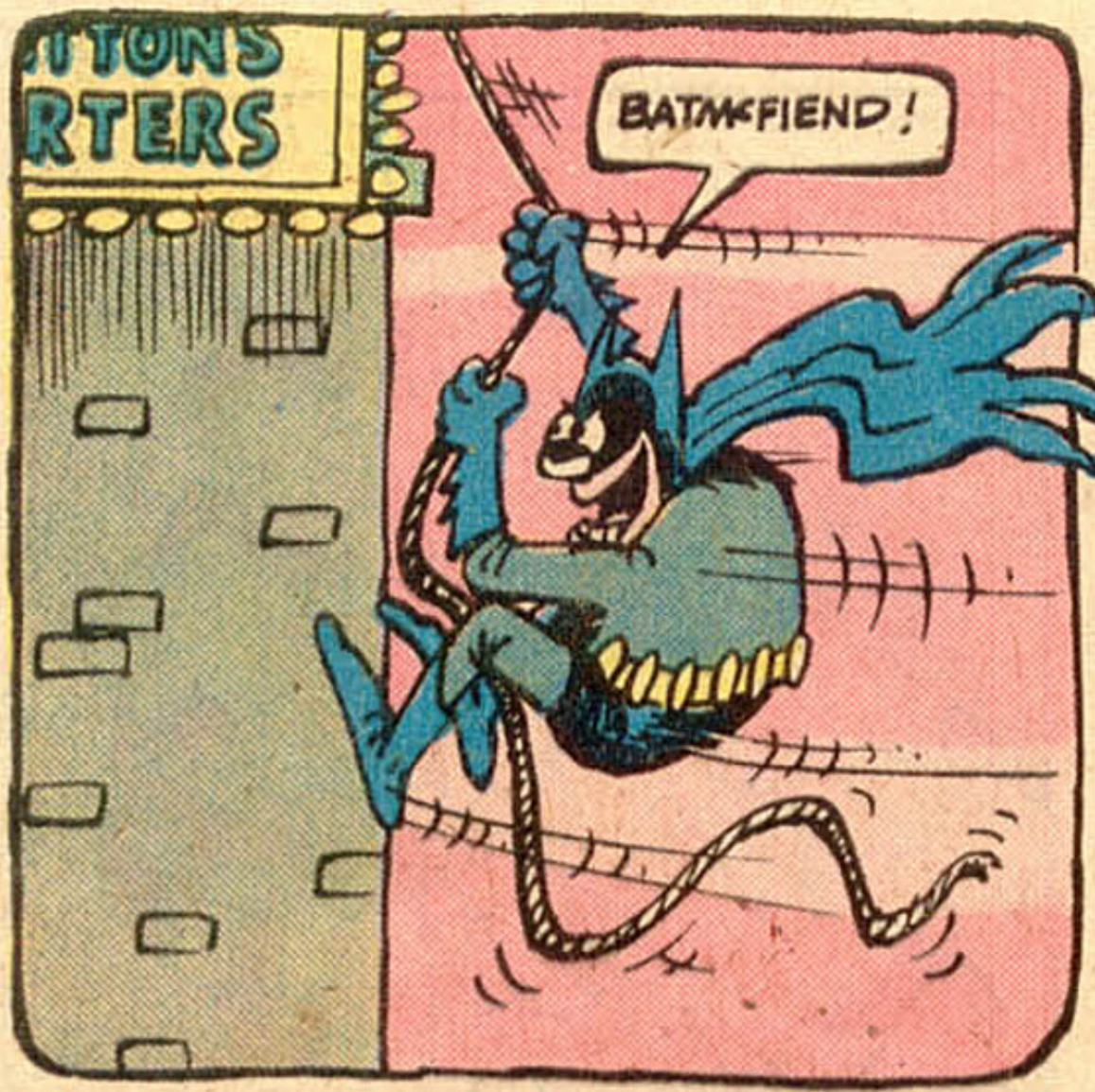
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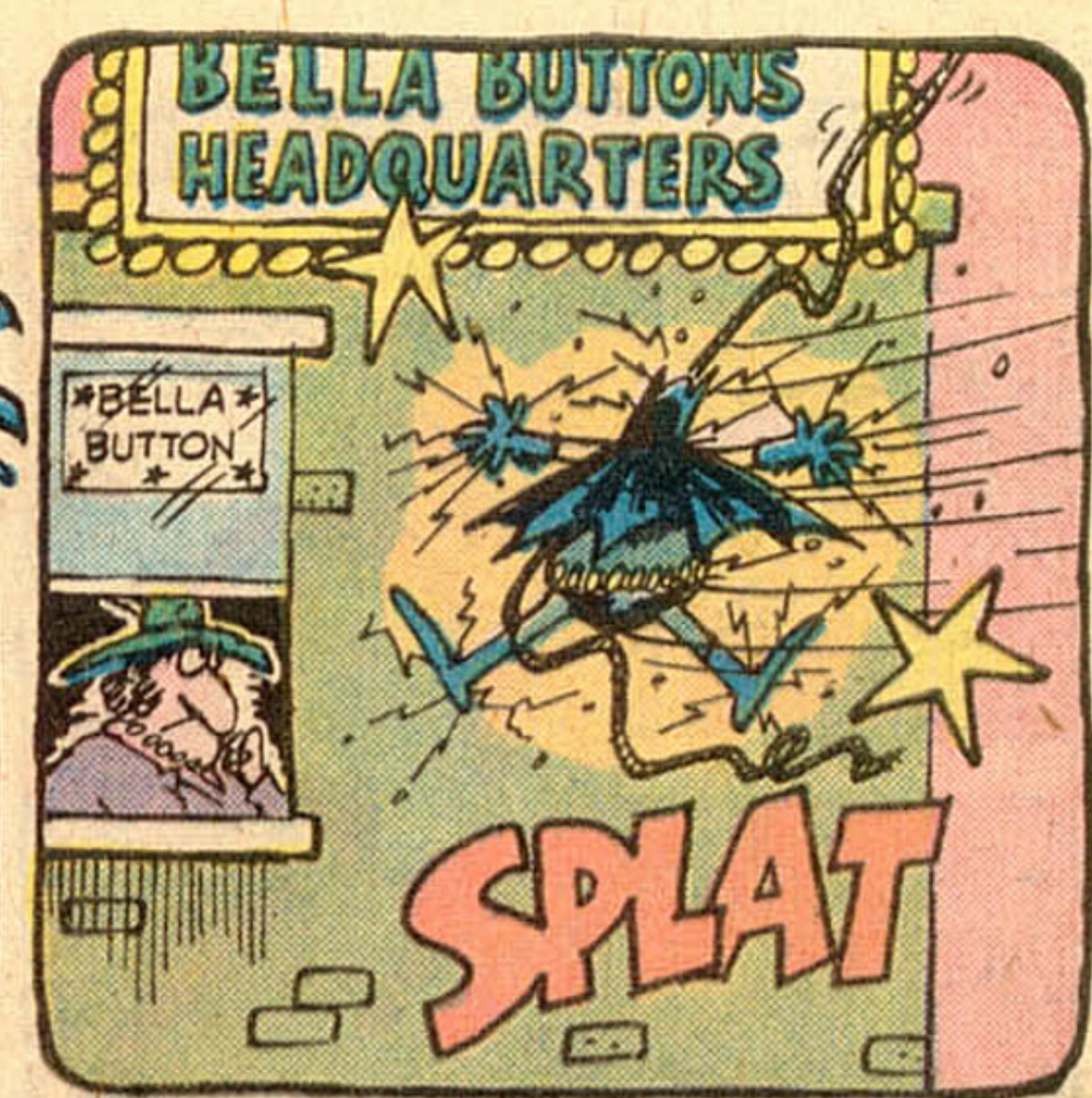
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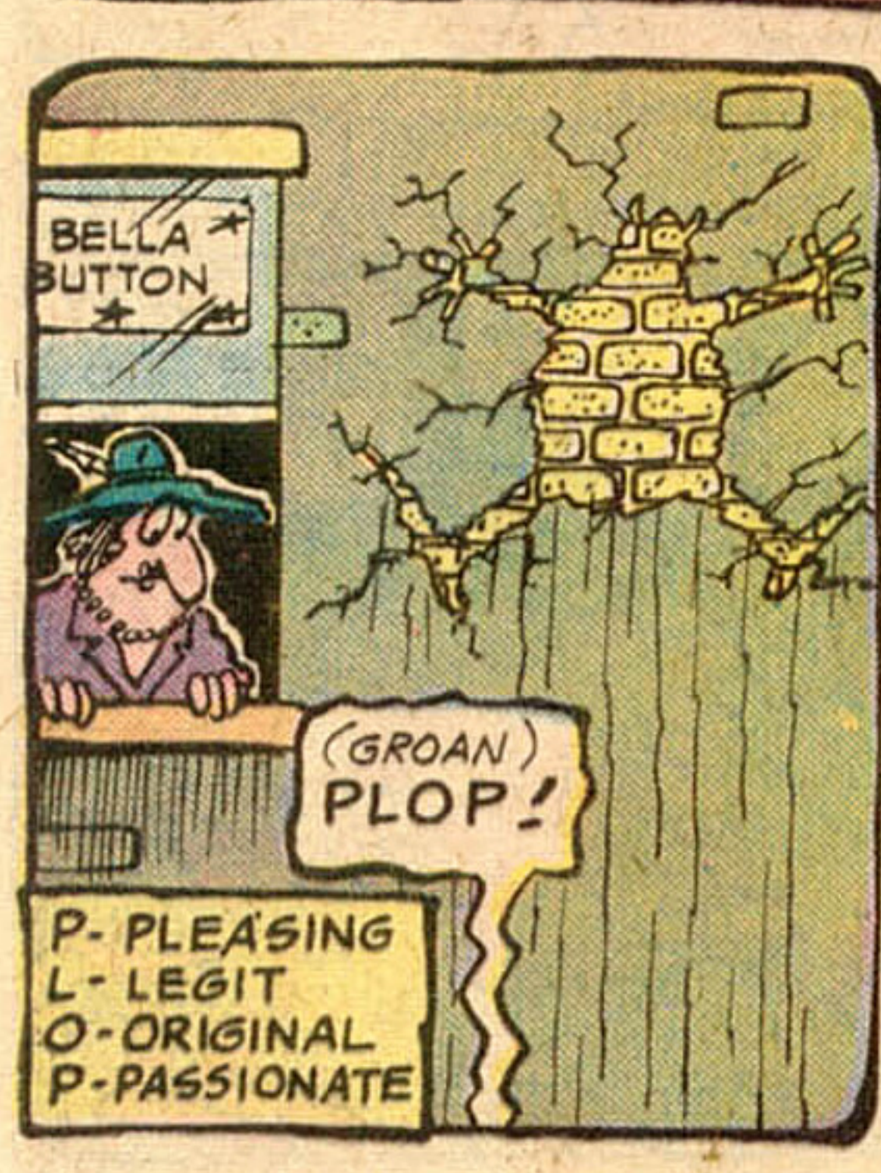
BELLA BUTTON
SPLAT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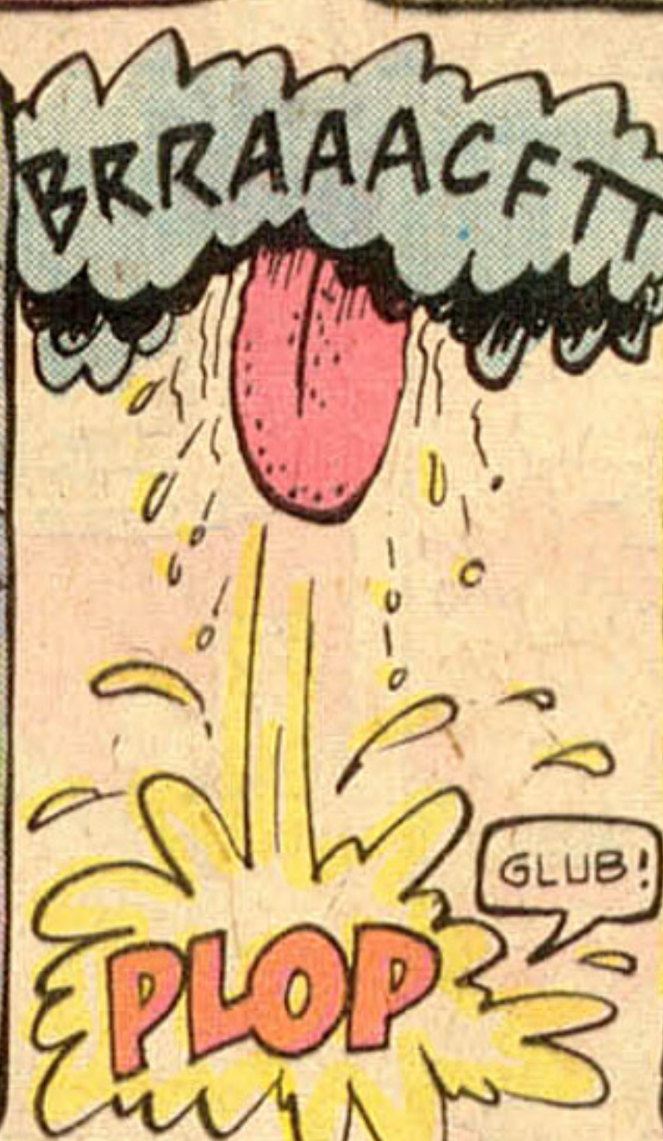
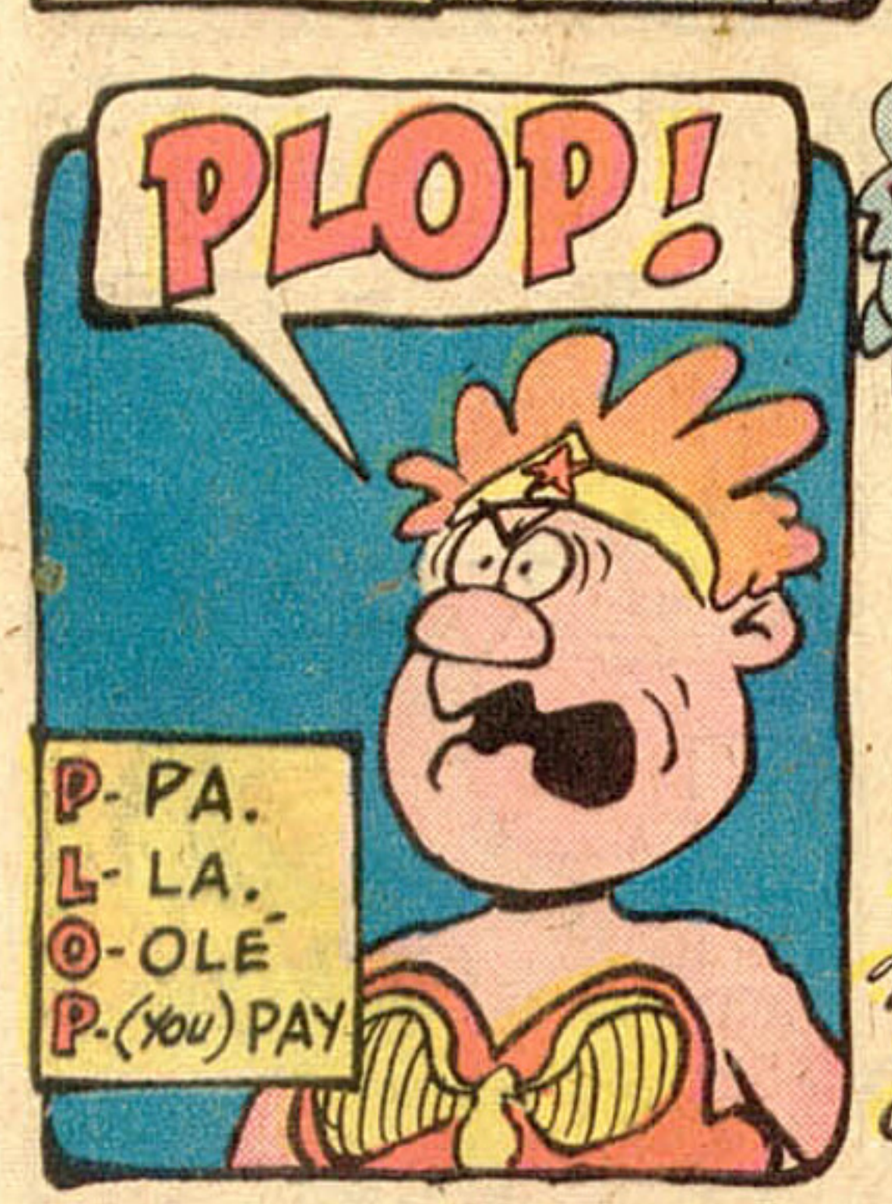
(GROAN) PLOP!
P- PLEASING
L- LEGIT
O- ORIGINAL
P- PASSIONATE


BRRAAACFTT
GLUB!
PLOP

HEY... WHAT GIVES?... I'M WONDER WOMAN!


PLOP!
P- PA.
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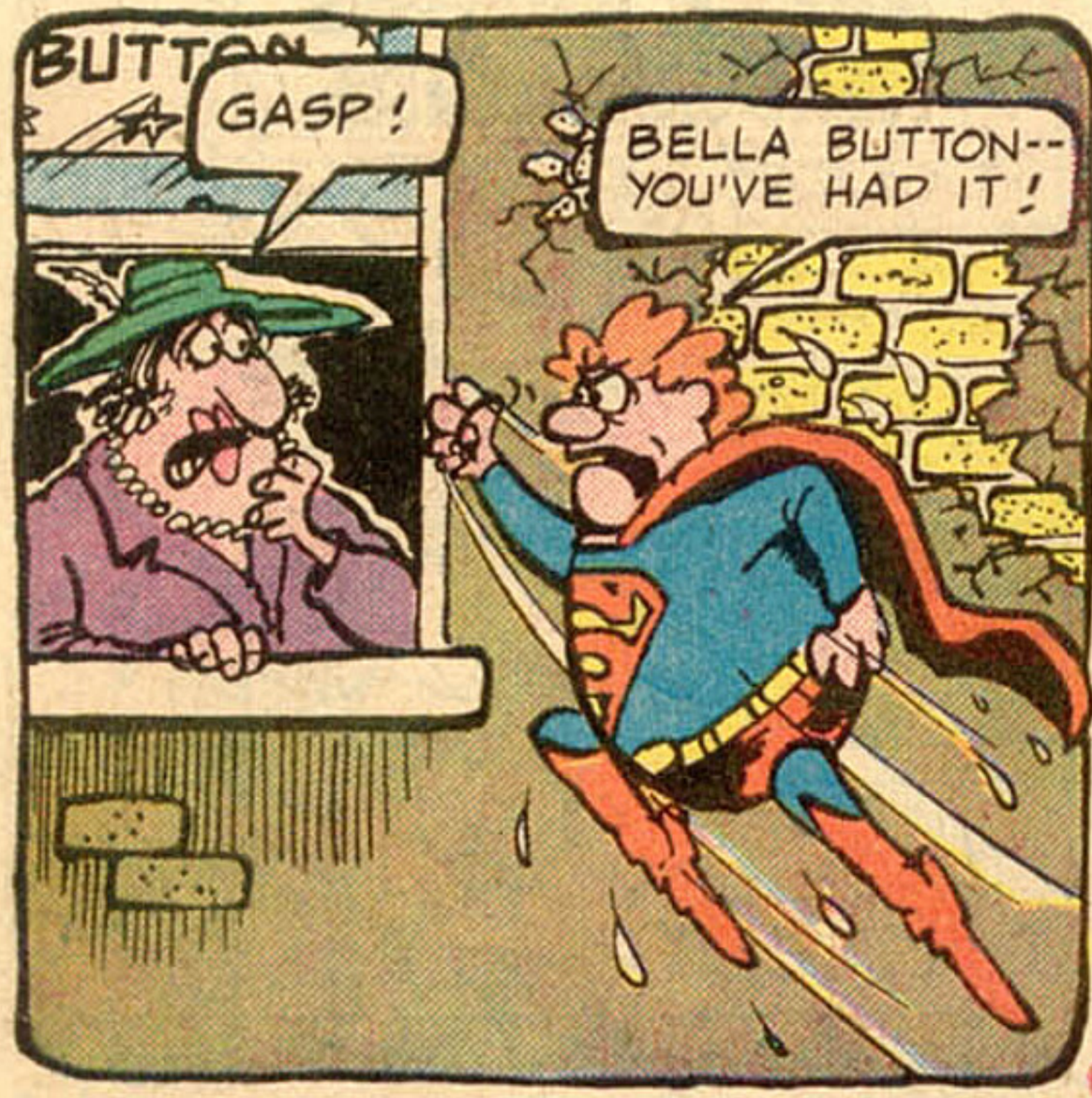
P- (YOU) PAY

BRAAACCFTT
PLOP

NOT ME PAL... JUST FLYING BY!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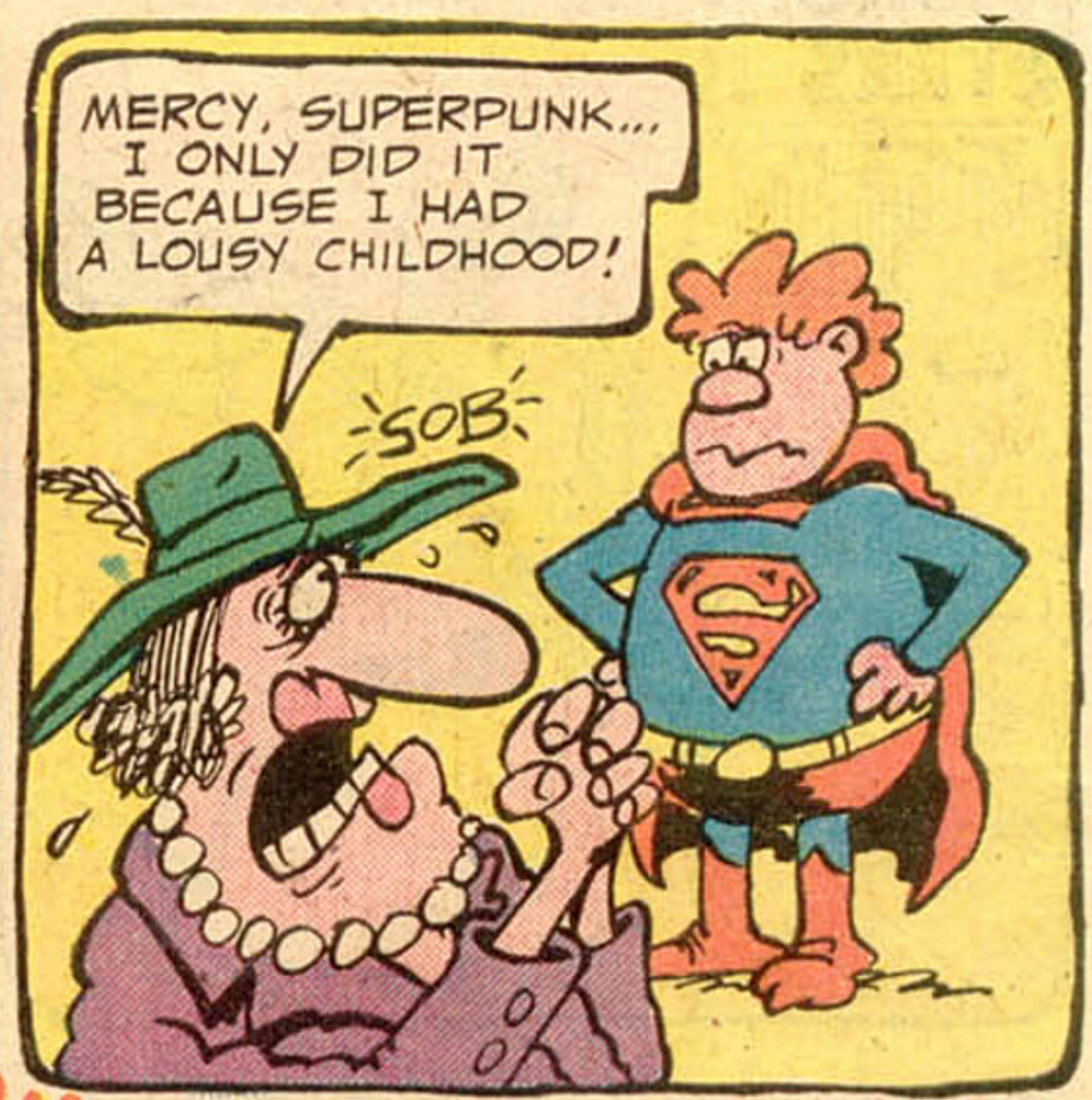
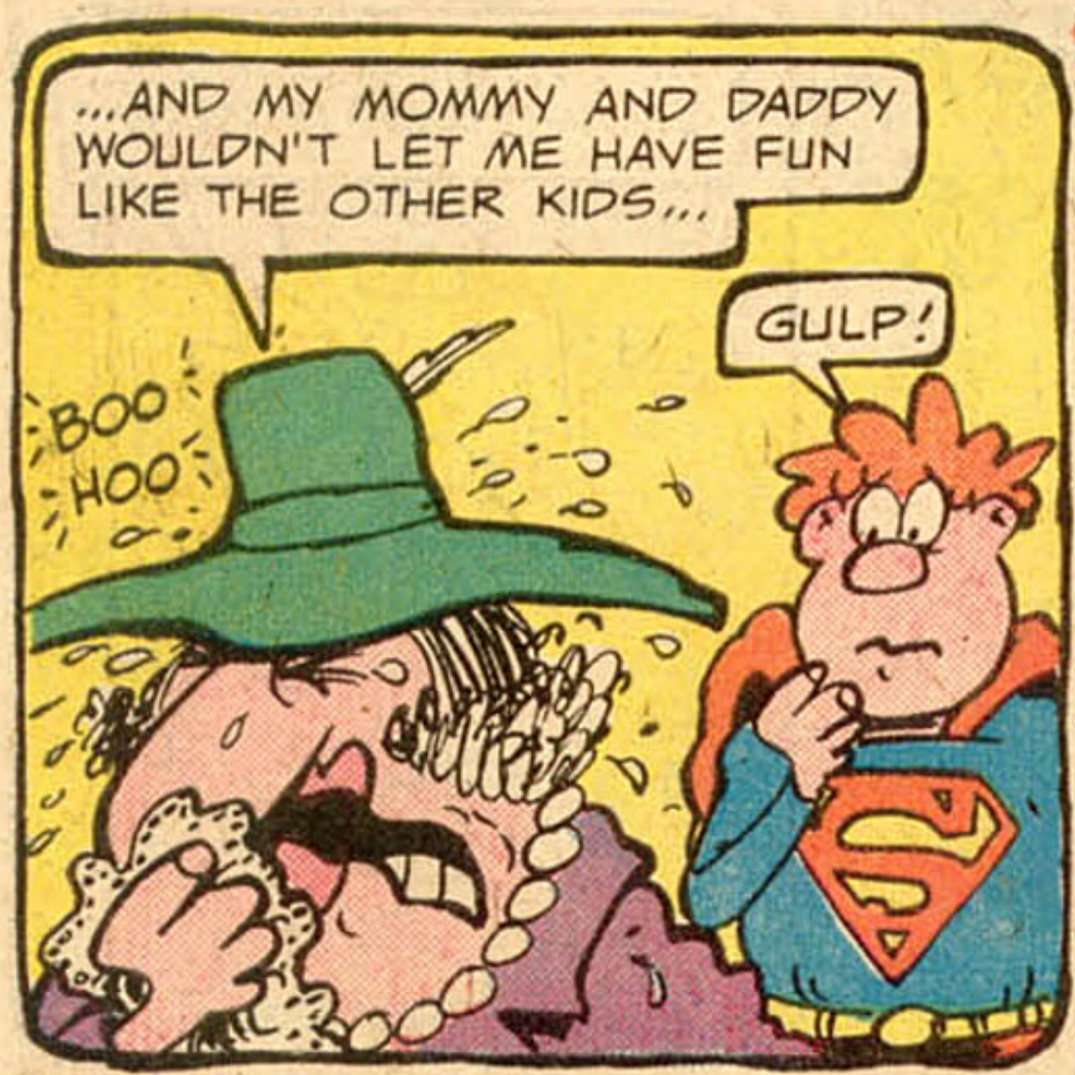
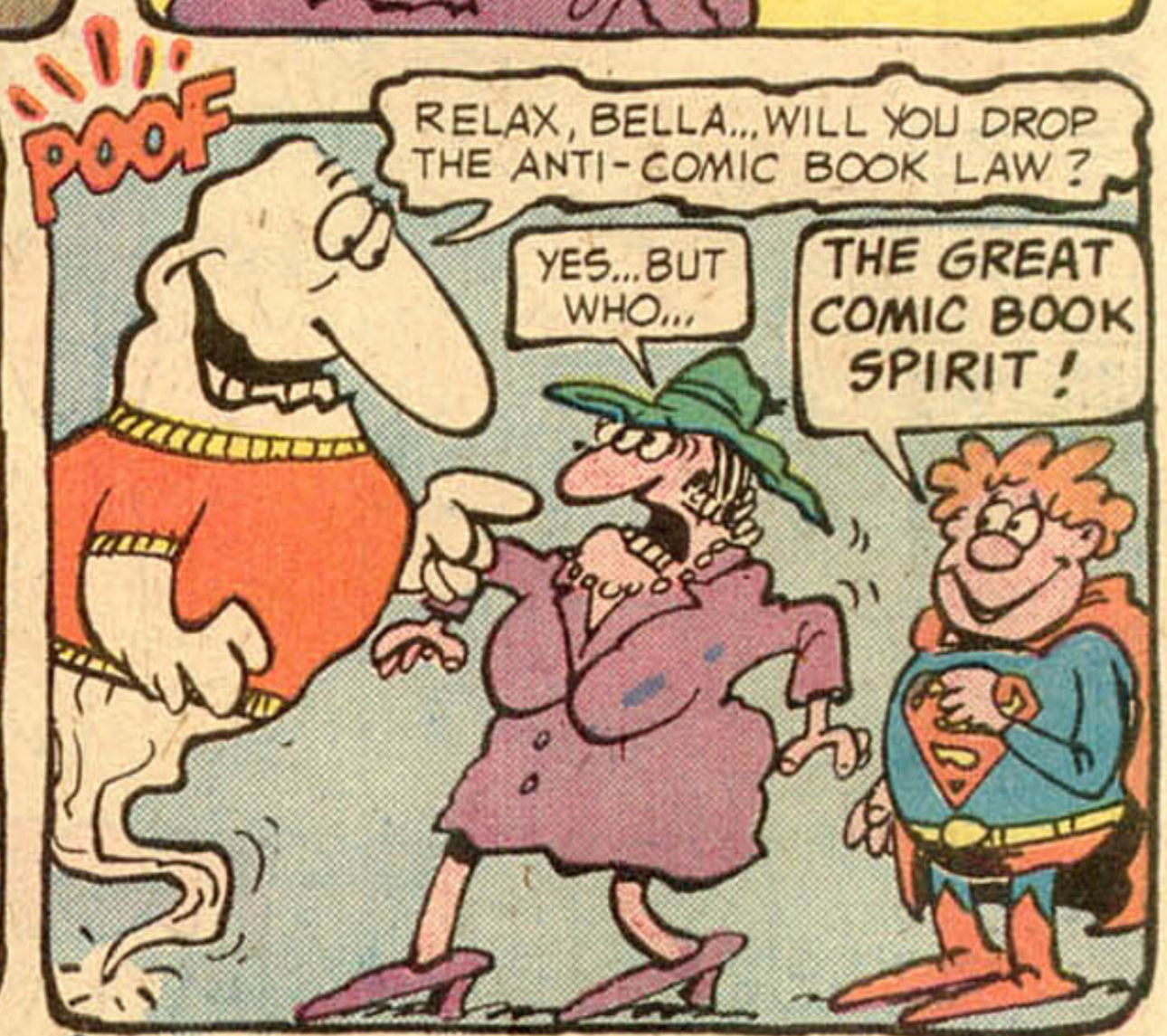
GASP!
BELLA BUTTON--YOU'VE HAD IT!


MERCY, SUPERPUNK... I ONLY DID IT BECAUSE I HAD A LOUSY CHILDHOOD!
SOB


...AND MY MOMMY AND DADDY WOULDN'T LET ME HAVE FUN LIKE THE OTHER KIDS...
BOO HOO
GULP!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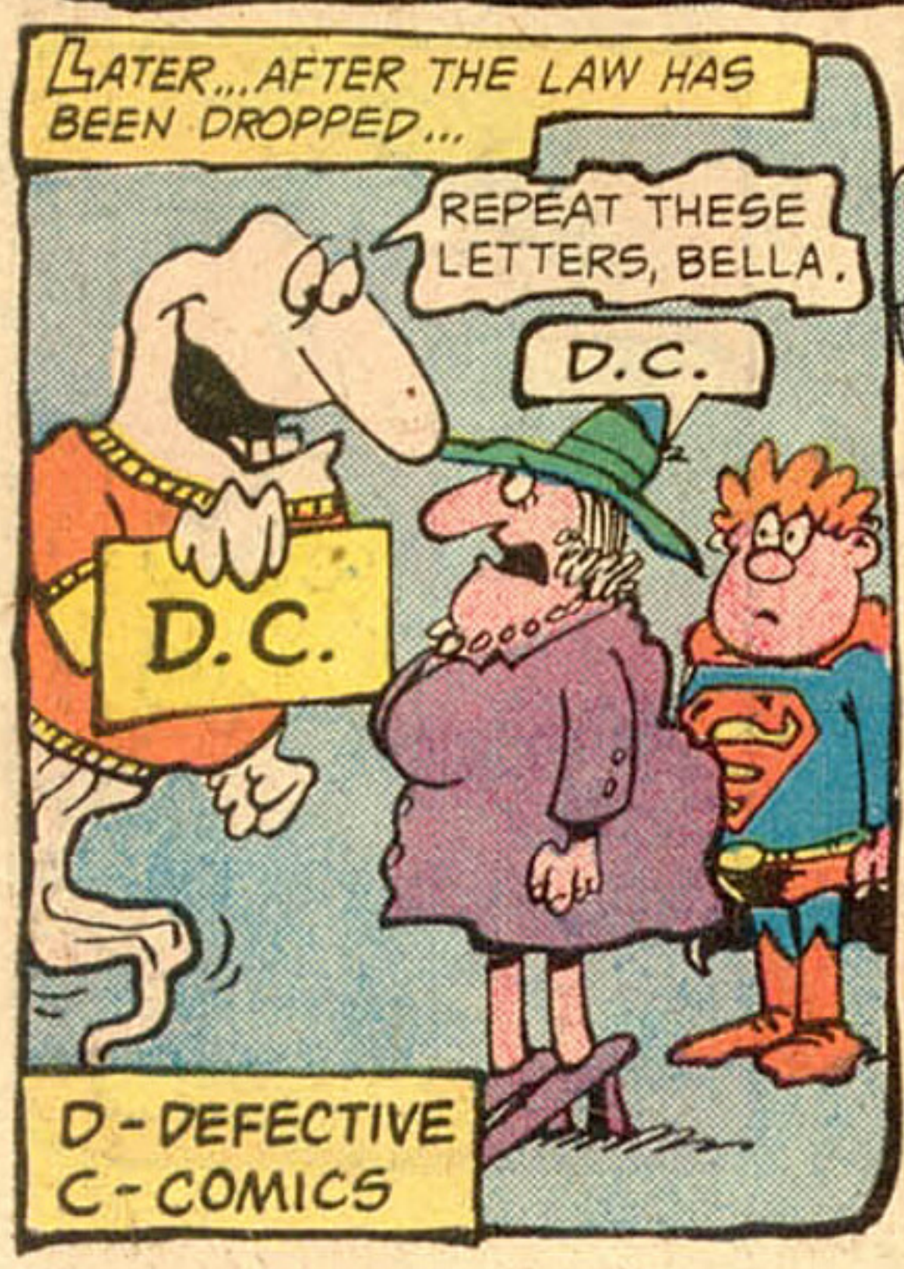
RELAX, BELLA...WILL YOU DROP THE ANTI-COMIC BOOK LAW?
YES...BUT WHO...
THE GREAT COMIC BOOK SPIRIT!


LATER...AFTER THE LAW HAS BEEN DROPPED...
REPEAT THESE LETTERS, BELLA.
D.C.
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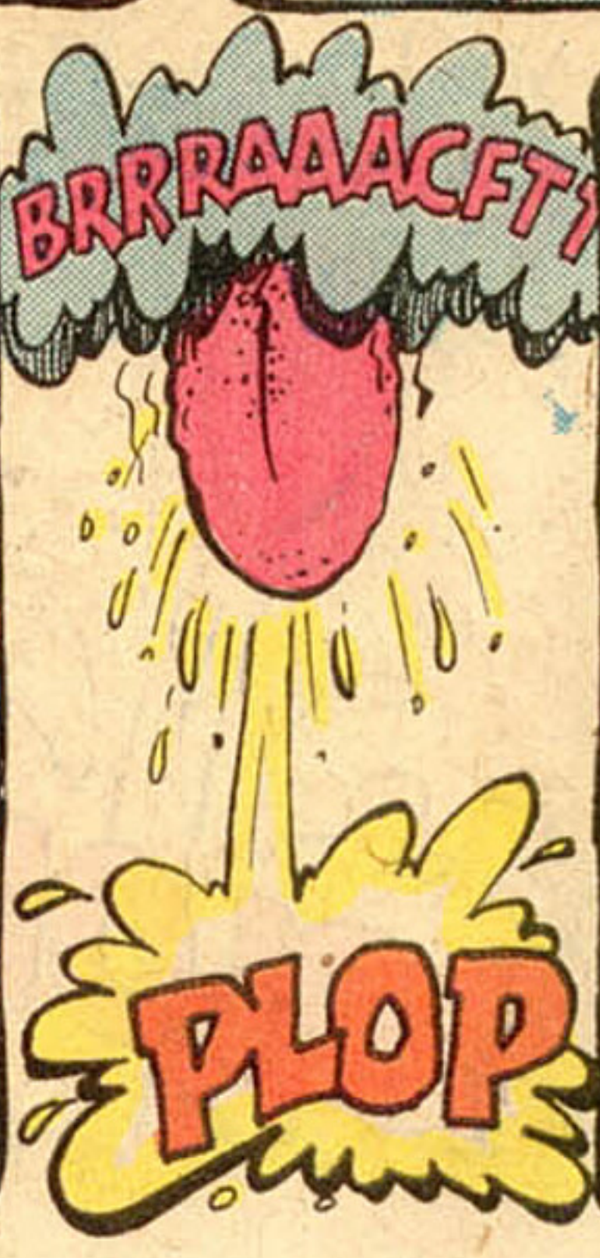
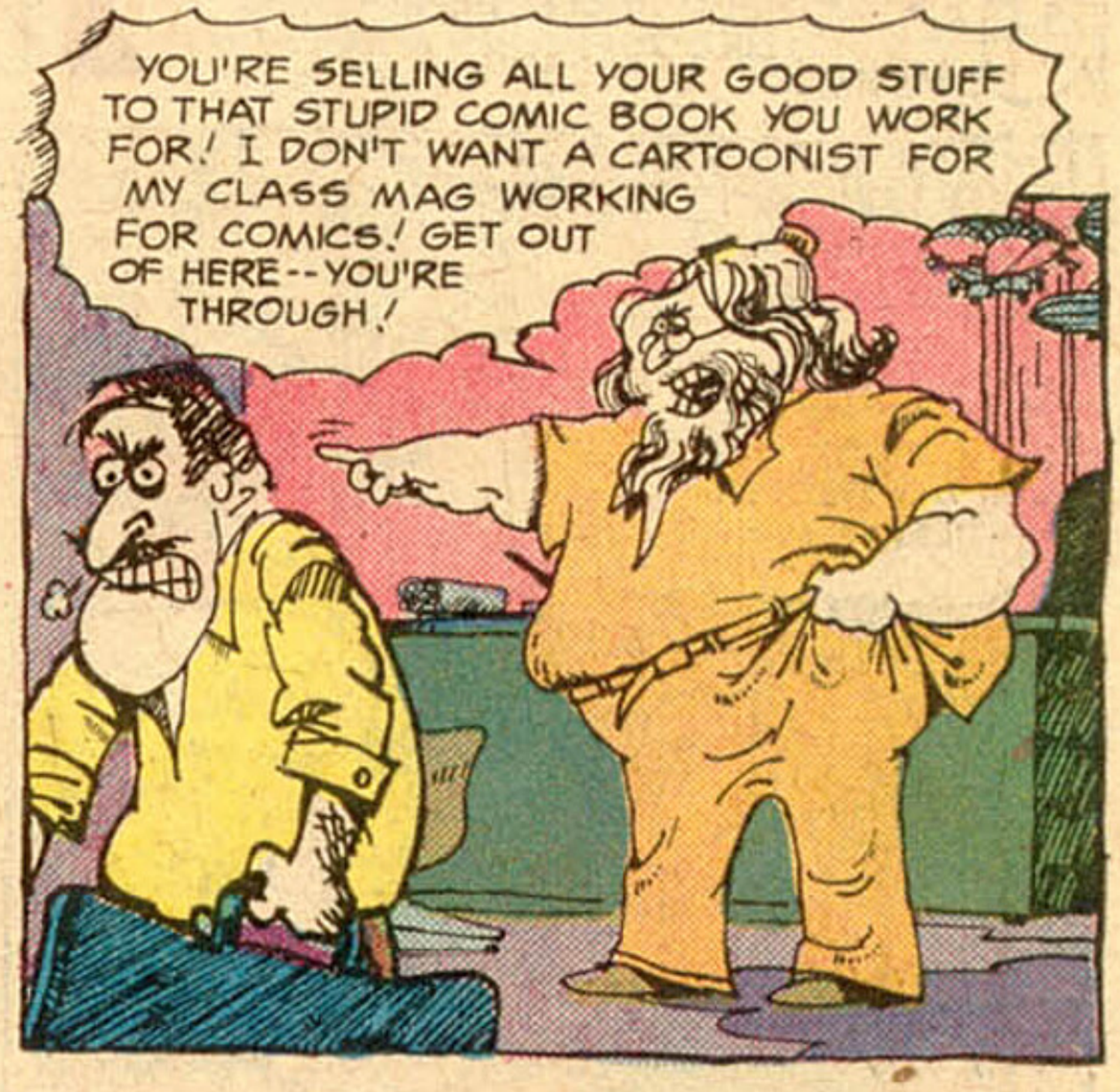

BRRRAAAACFT!
PLOP

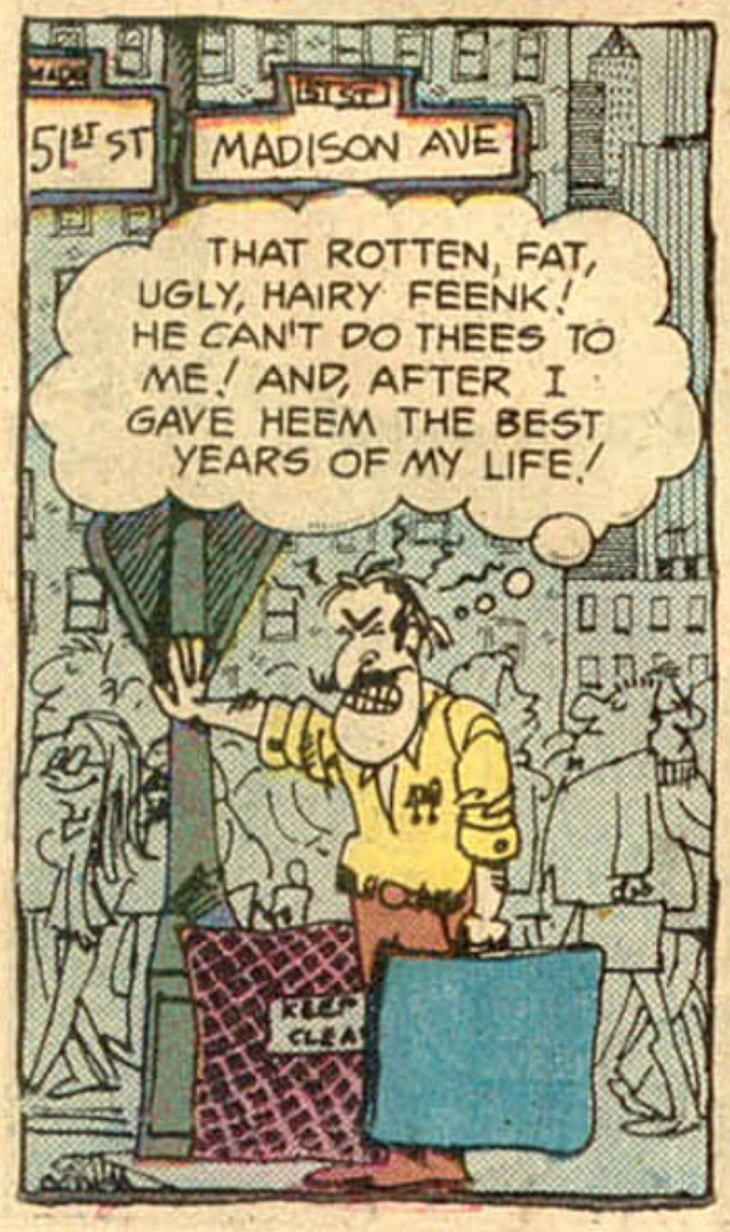
THERE YOU GO, McFIEND.. ANOTHER D.C. FIRST--A BELLA BUTTON COMIC BOOK!
BELLA BUTTON
END

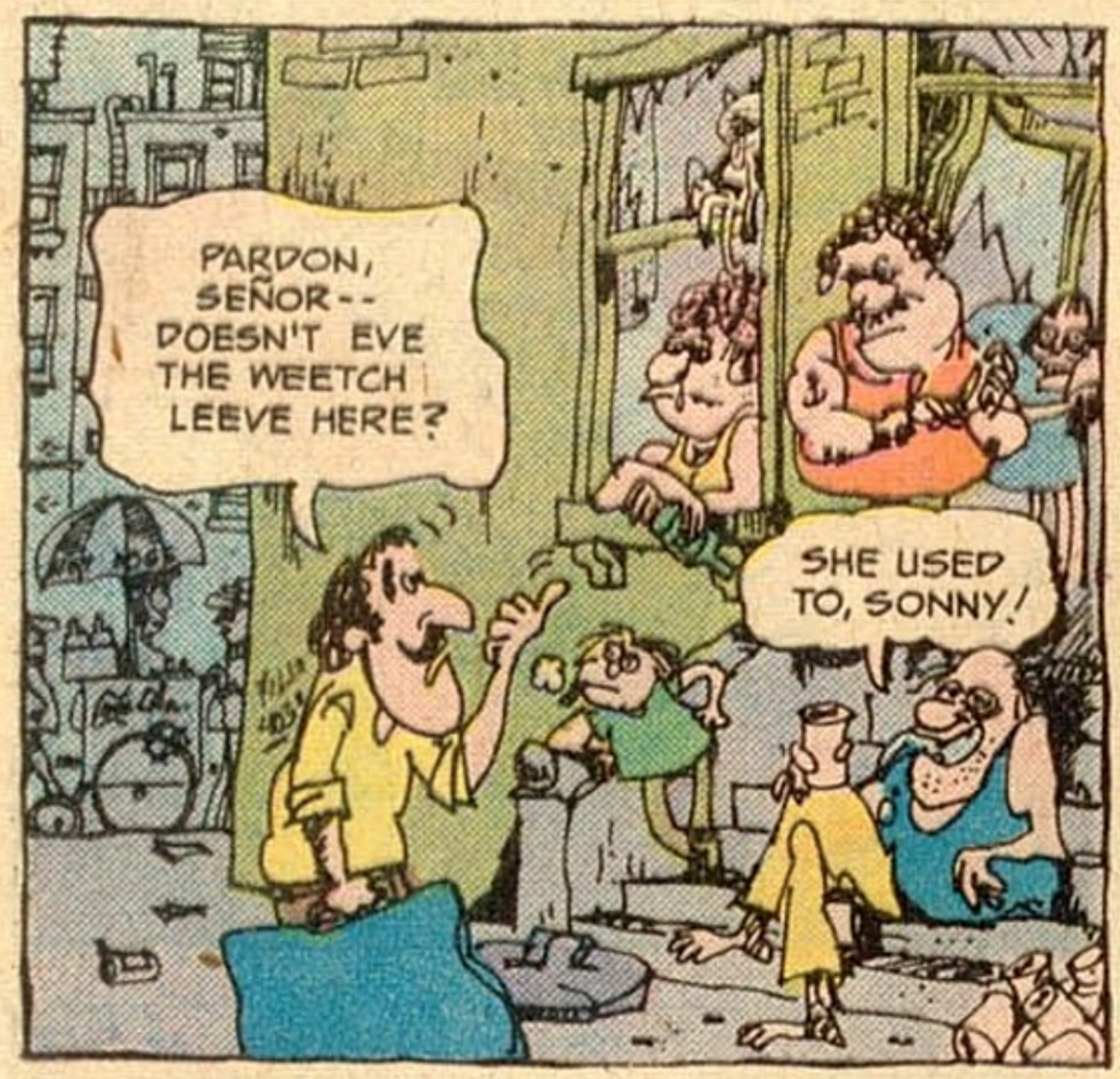
THE STORY YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ IS TRUE! IT HAPPENED BETWEEN A CLEVER CARTOONIST AND A PORTLY PUBLISHER AMID THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE BIG CITY! THE NAMES, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT, THE GUILTY, AND US FROM BEING SUED. EVIE'S THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THIS TIDBIT, AND SHE SUGGESTED I KEEP IT A SECRET. BUT YOU KNOW ME! SO NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, HERE'S THE STORY...

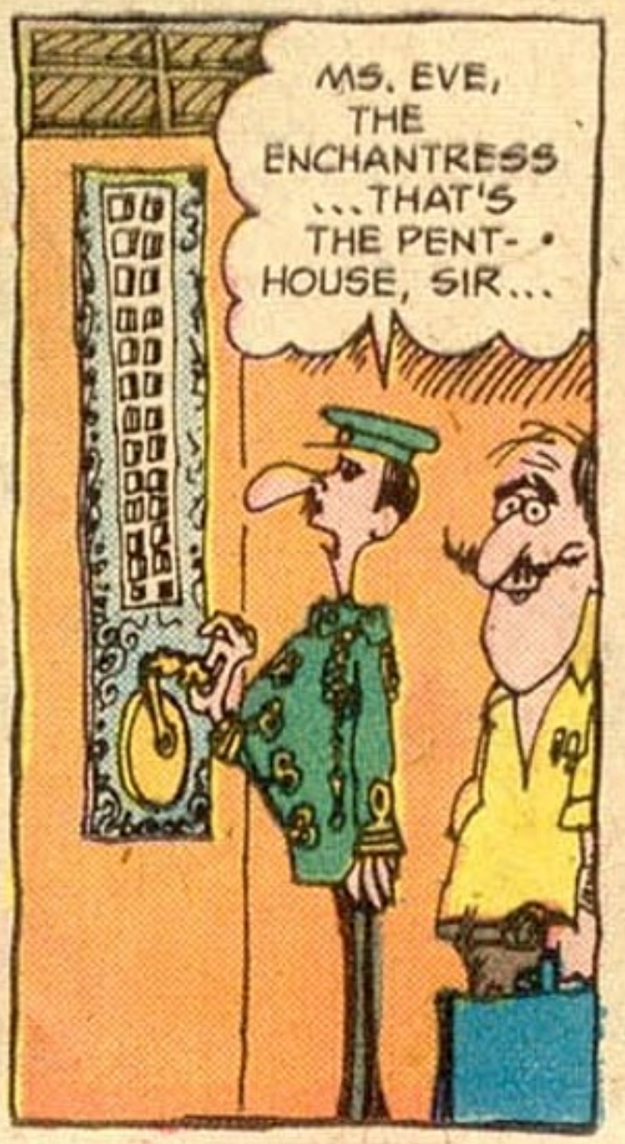
A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH!

BY SERGIO ARAGONÉS









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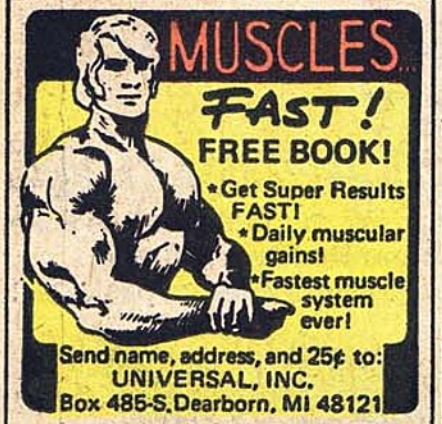

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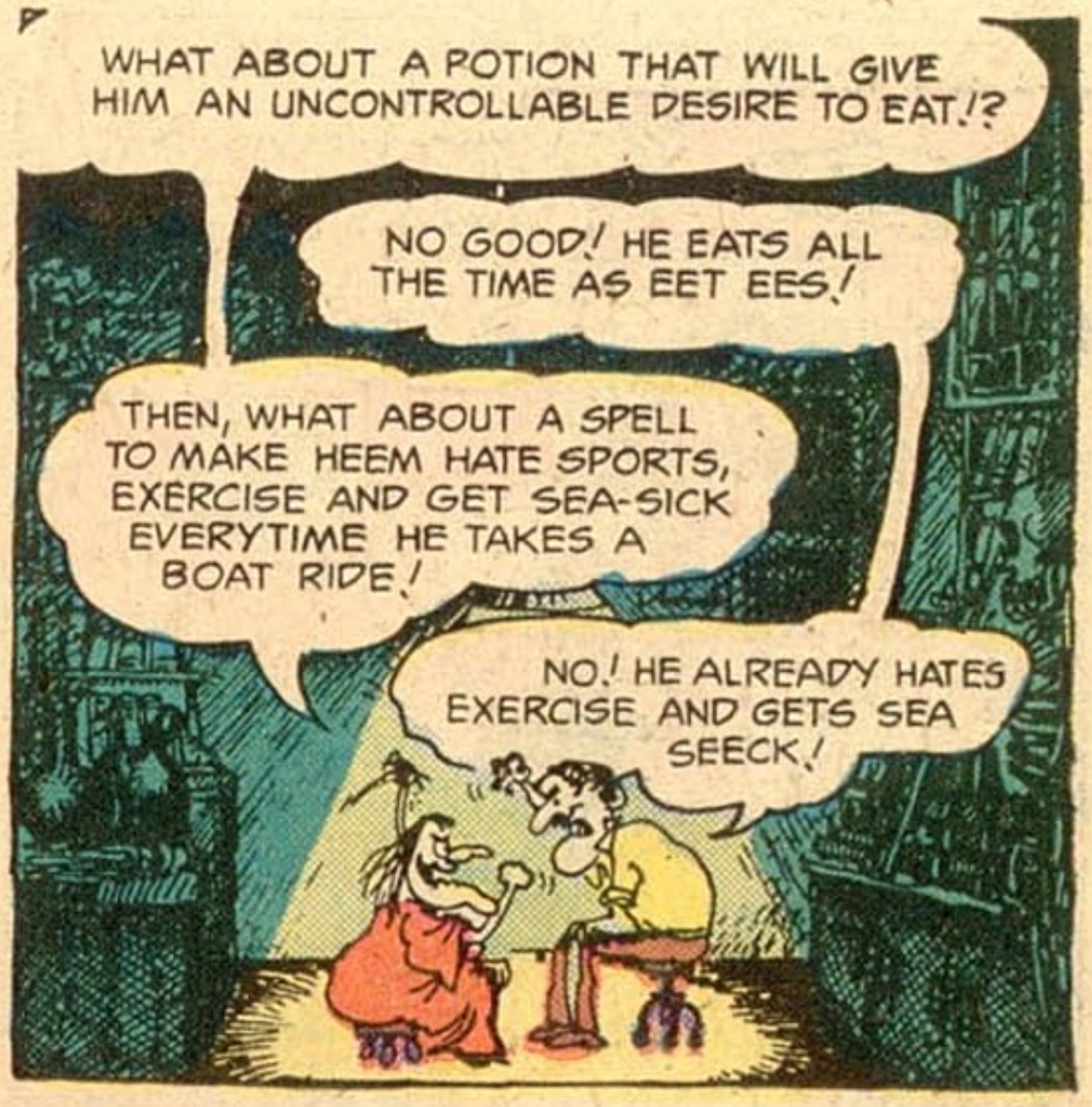

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I'M LEAVING! I'M LEAVING! AND, DON'T WORRY-- I WON'T BE BACK!

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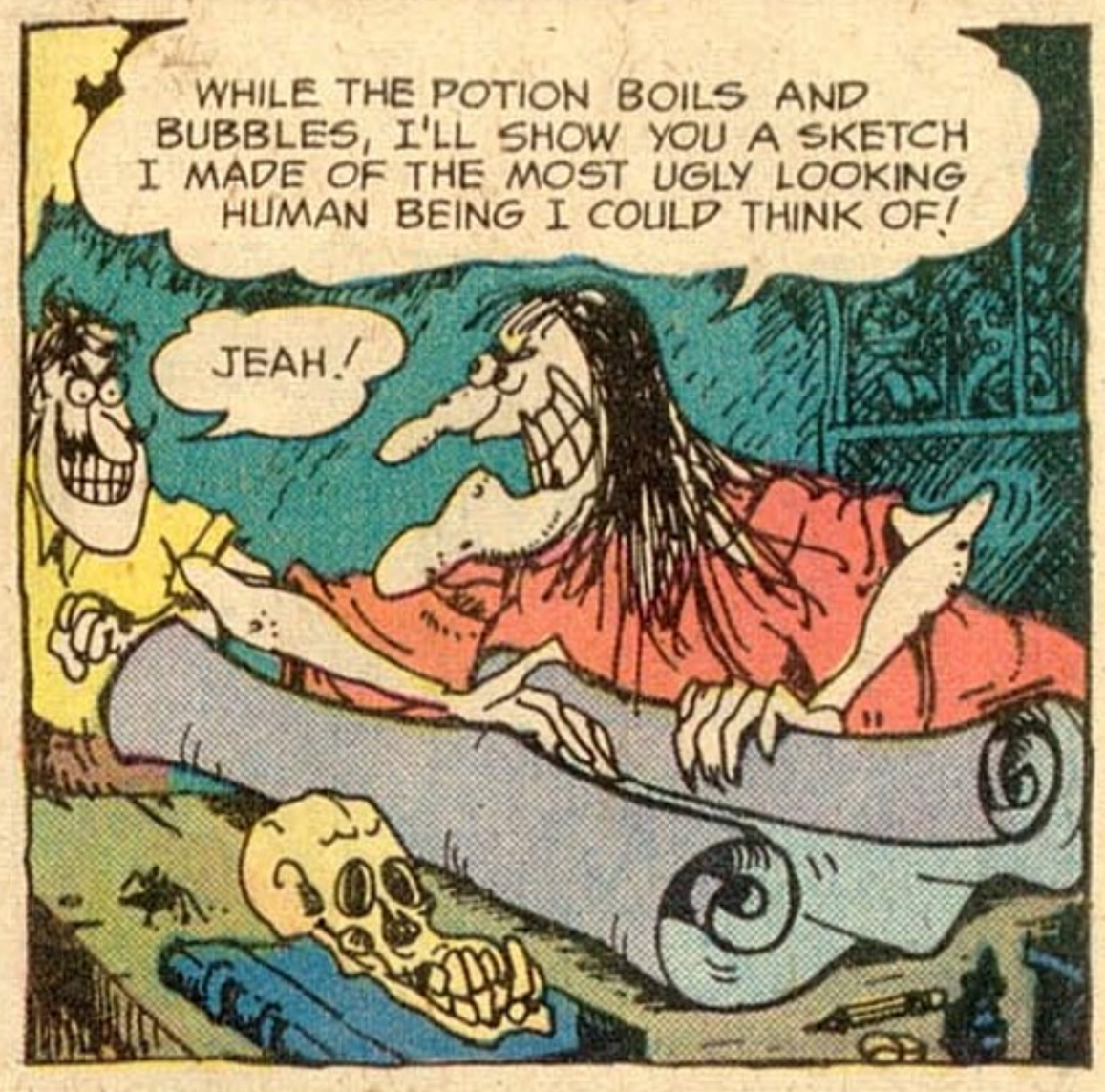
HOCUS-POCUS... POONUS-TANGUS... ABRA-CADRABRA... A-MAKIN' AN UGLY HUMAN BEING WE GO...
REVENGE ...SWEET REVENGE ... JES-JES...


WHILE THE POTION BOILS AND BUBBLES, I'LL SHOW YOU A SKETCH I MADE OF THE MOST UGLY LOOKING HUMAN BEING I COULD THINK OF!
JEAH!

THERE! FAT, HAIRY AND UGLY! NOT ONE WORKING MUSCLE IN HIS BODY! HEE-HEE... IN ONE HOUR MR. GAIN WILL LOOK LIKE THAT! A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH! AGREED, SERGIO?
GULP!
SOON AFTER, SERGIO LEFT FOR THE WEST COAST AND HAS NEVER BEEN HEARD FROM AGAIN. IT IS RUMORED THAT HE NOW SPENDS HIS TIME MAKING LITTLE DRAWINGS IN THE SAND ALONG THE CALIFORNIA-MEXICAN BORDER, TRYING TO COME UP WITH AN UGLIER VERSION OF WILL E. GAIN. AH, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY!
END

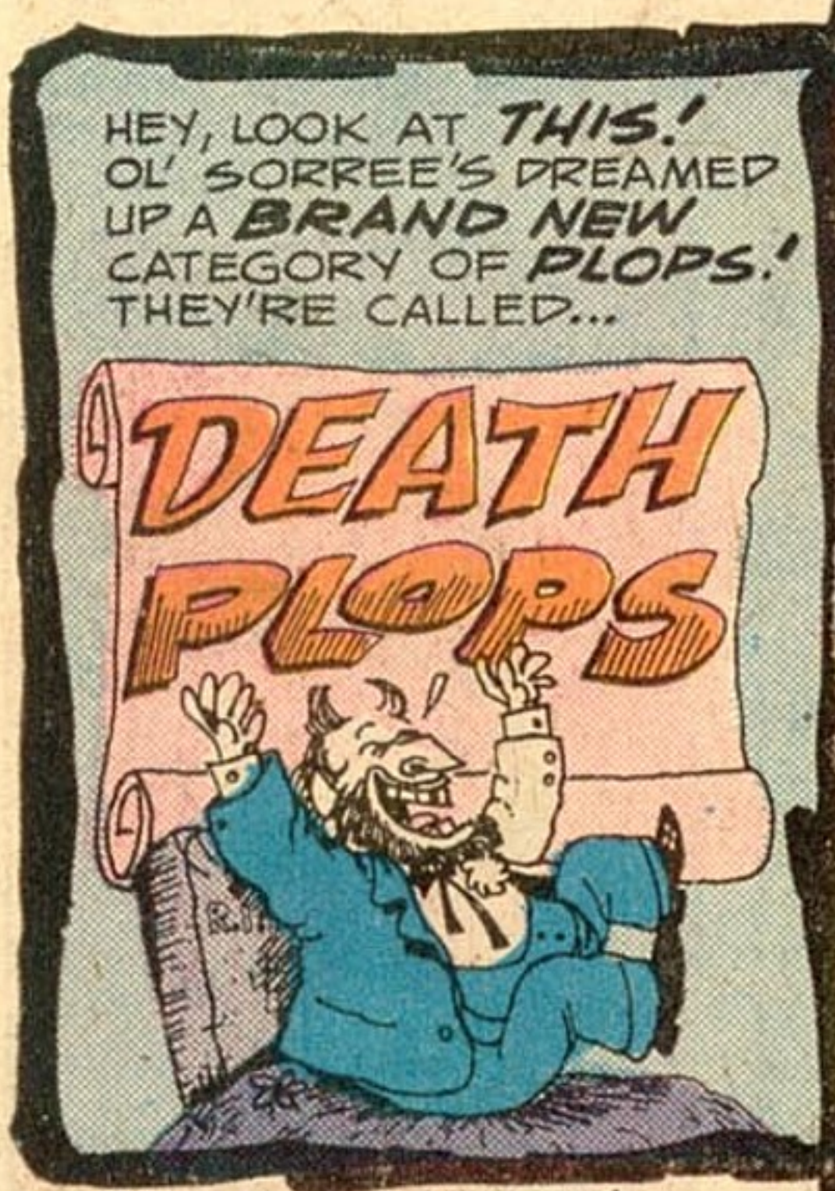
NOW THAT'S A REALLY FUNNY STORY, RIGHT?
RIGHT?
RIGHT?
I THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY...
CAIN! ABEL! EVE! THE STARS OF OUR MAGAZINE! WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE! I'M THE PUBLISHER'S ASSISTANT! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
WE WANT A TOUR!
A TOUR ON PLOP-DAY? GEE...THAT'S RISKY!

BUT ∃SIGH!∈ ANYTHING FOR OUR STARS!
HERE WE HAVE THE OFFICE OF JOE ORLANDO, OUR MANAGING EDITOR...
LET'S CHANGE THE RUBBER CHICKEN TO A PORCUPINE WITH PRICKLY HEAT...
BUT, JOE--
YOU DON'T LIKE PORCUPINES, TONY? HOW ABOUT MAKING IT A KOALA BEAR?
JOE...THAT ISN'T A PLOP JOKE YOU'RE EDITING! THAT'S YOUR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY!
JOE'S THE MAN WHO IS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF PLOP! AND IF YOU TELL ANYONE, HE'LL WRING YOUR NECK!

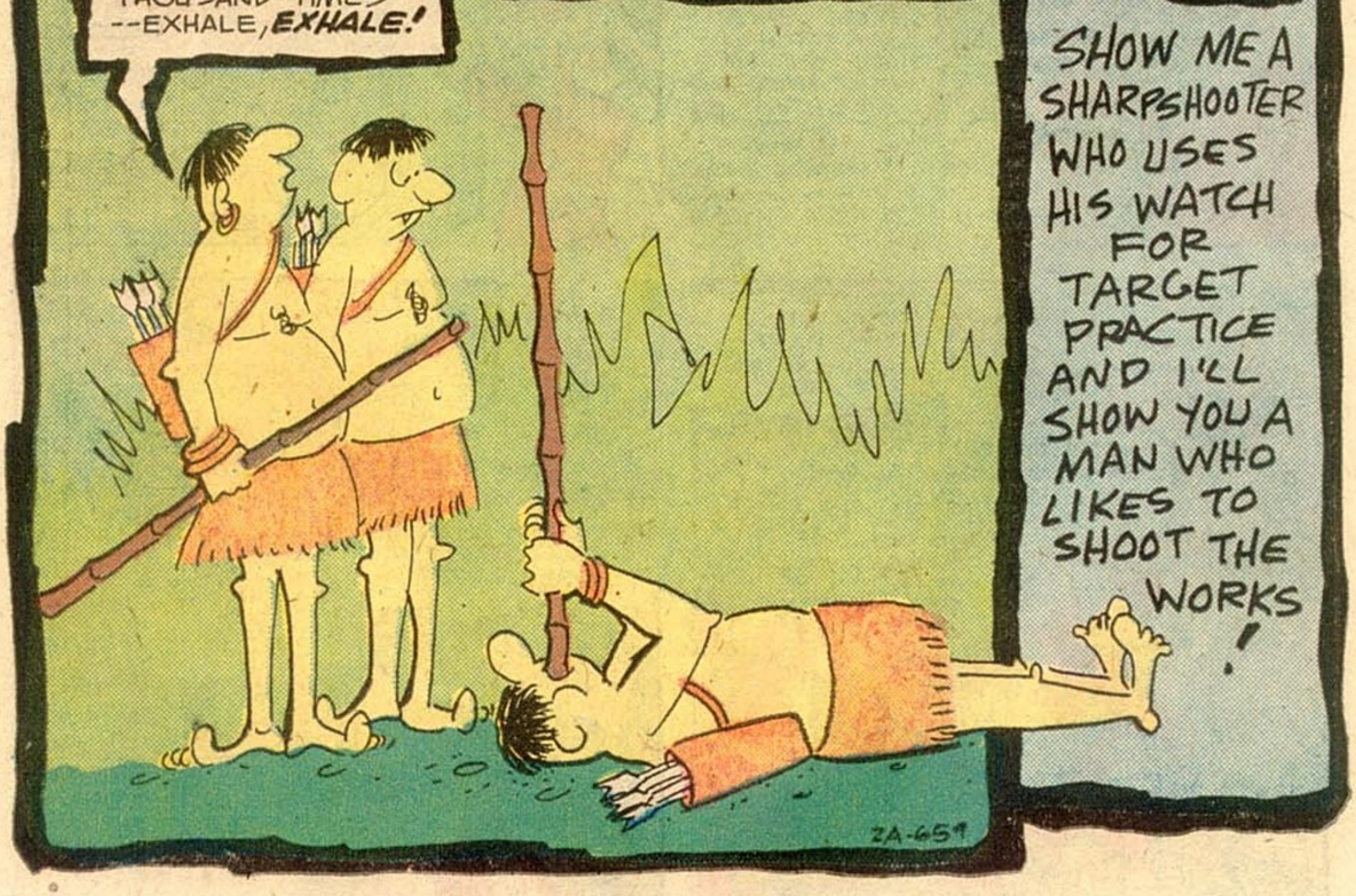
NOW MEET THE MAN TO WHOM WE HAVE ENTRUSTED THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY OF SELECTING THE PLOPS WE PUBLISH...
...YUL B. SORREE!
HIYA, KIDS.
HIYA, HIYA, HIYA.

IT'S AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO MEET YOU, SIR.
I KNOW, KID, I KNOW! HERE-- READ SOME "PLOPS".
Y'KNOW, HUMOR IS A SERIOUS BUSINESS. THAT'S WHY THEY NEED SOMEBODY LIKE ME IN THIS JOB... SOMEBODY WITH A SOUND MIND!

ALAS, POOR YORICK! I KNEW HIM WELL!
ABEL...HE'S WEARING A BALLERINA'S COSTUME!
JUST KEEP READING THE PLOPS--MAYBE HE'LL GO AWAY!



CAIN: WHY CAN'T A BICYCLE STAND UP BY ITSELF?
EVE: BECAUSE IT'S TWO-TIRED!
ABEL: WHY DO THE SWALLOWS ALWAYS FLY BACK TO CAPISTRANO?
CAIN: BECAUSE THE BUS SERVICE IS SO LOUSY!



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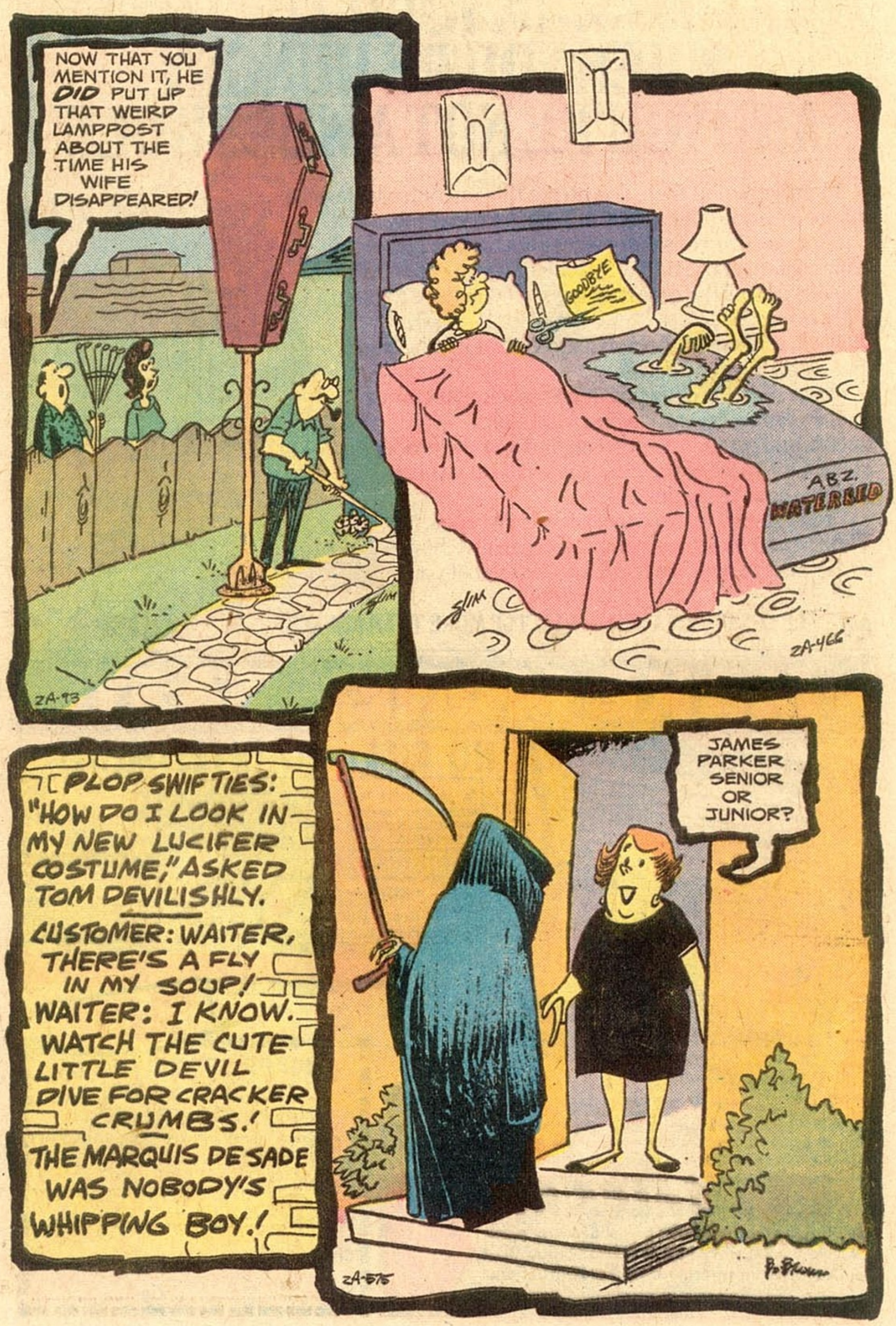
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, HE DID PUT UP THAT WEIRD LAMPPOST ABOUT THE TIME HIS WIFE DISAPPEARED!
GOODBYE
ABZ. WATERBED
ZA-93
ZA-466
PLOP SWIFTIES: "HOW DO I LOOK IN MY NEW LUCIFER COSTUME," ASKED TOM DEVILISHLY.
CUSTOMER: WAITER, THERE'S A FLY IN MY SOUP! WAITER: I KNOW. WATCH THE CUTE LITTLE DEVIL DIVE FOR CRACKER CRUMBS.!
THE MARQUIS DE SADE WAS NOBODY'S WHIPPING BOY.!
JAMES PARKER SENIOR OR JUNIOR?
ZA-575

HERE'S ANOTHER *NEW* CATEGORY OF PLOPS THAT OUGHT TO GO OVER BIG WITH THE LITTLE MONSTERS WHO *BUY* OUR MAGAZINE. IT'S A WHOLE *PLAY-GROUND* FULL OF...

KID PLOPS

WHY CAN'T HE JUST BUILD MODEL CARS LIKE *OTHER* KIDS?

CITY HOSPITAL REFUSE

GLUE

24-415

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A POOL WITH A THEATRE? A DIVE-IN!

OUR TOWN IS SO SMALL THAT THE A&P IS ONLY AN A.

LITTLE WILLIE LIT A ROCKET THAT HIS POP HAD IN HIS POCKET. NEXT DAY HE TOLD HIS COUSIN FRAN, "MY DADDY IS A TRAVELING MAN!"

THE MEN OF TROY WOODEN HORSE AROUND!

SHOW ME A NAZI COWBOY AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE FASCIST GUN IN THE WEST!

DADDY! DADDY! I ONLY HAD ONE *CAVITY!*

24-282

CAIN: MY BROTHER AND I GREW UP IN A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAS SO TOUGH THAT WHEN SOMEBODY PUT UP A SIGN SAYING, "WANTED FOR ARMED ROBBERY," THIRTY PEOPLE APPLIED FOR THE JOB!

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CANNIBAL WHO GOT FED UP WITH PEOPLE?

CUSTOMER: WAITER, THERE'S A FLY IN MY SOUP! WAITER: WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR SIXTY CENTS --AN ELEPHANT?

DUMB KID! I SAID GET *IN* THERE AND LEARN ABOUT GOD AND LOVE AND STUFF AND I'LL PICK YOU UP *AFTER* MY GOLF GAME!

ZA·456

WHAT A DOPE! IF HE DIDN'T USE THAT STUPID *MOUTHWASH*, HE WOULDN'T HAVE THAT *GIRL* CRAWLING ALL OVER HIM!

KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE? OPPOR. OPPOR WHO? OPPOR-TUNITY! CAN'T BE. OPPORTUNITY ONLY KNOCKS ONCE!

VENUS DE MILO JUST DOESN'T GRAB ME! IF BONNIE PARKER MARRIED COLONEL SANDERS, SHE'D BE A FINGER-LICKIN' HOOD!

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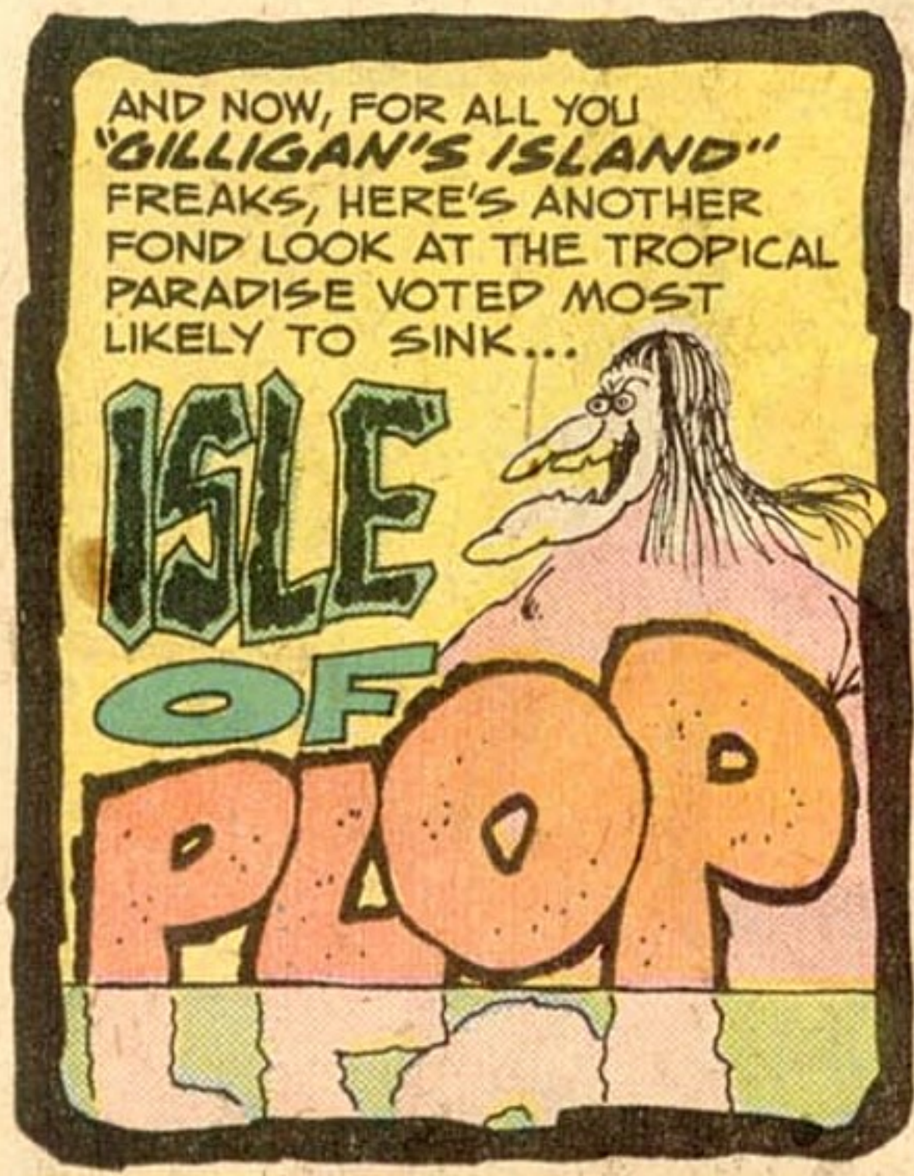
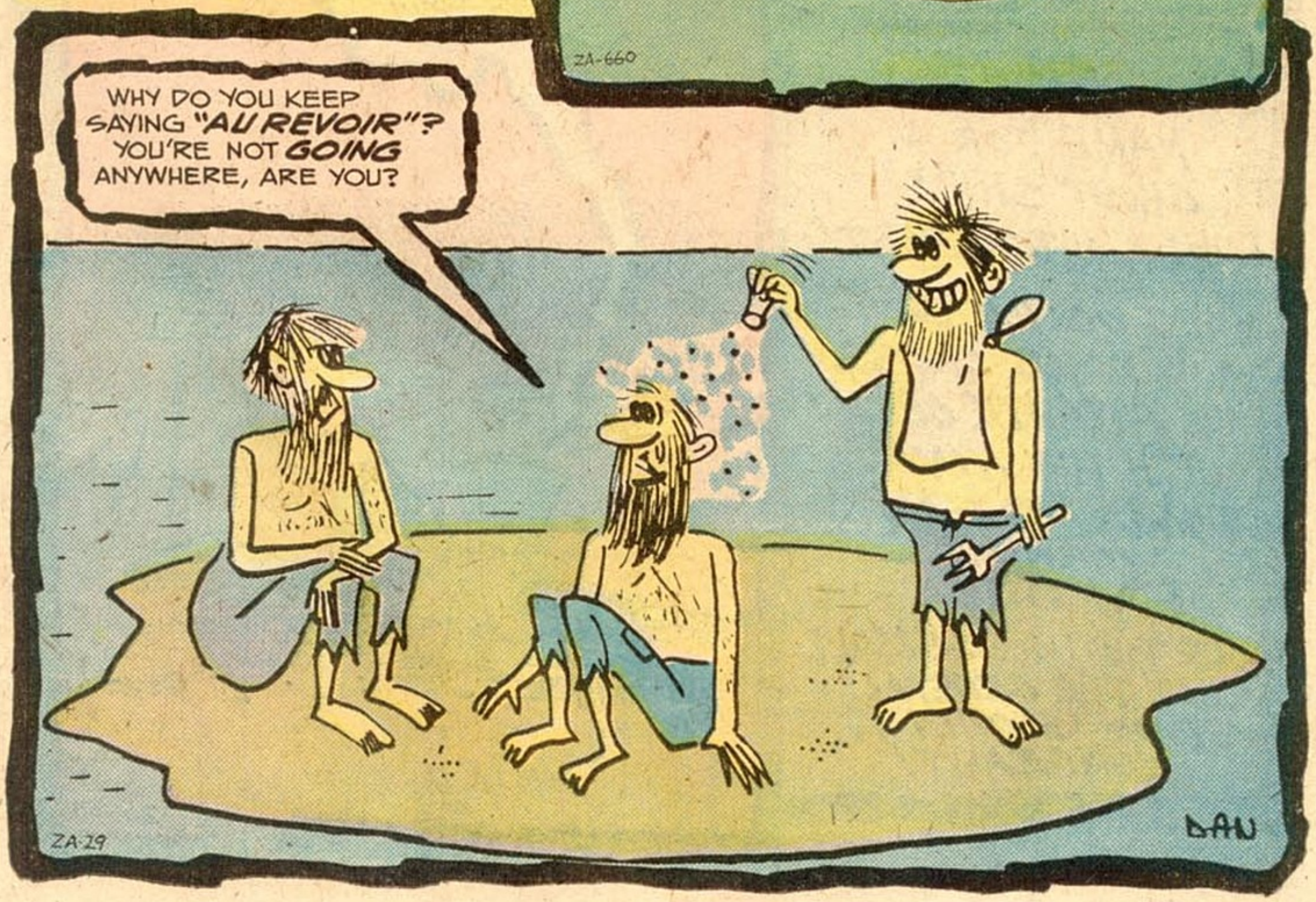


CAIN: WHAT DO YOU USE TRANSYLVANIA STAMPS ON?
ABEL: GHOSTCARDS!

HOW DO YOU MAKE AN ELEPHANT STEW? YOU KEEP HIM WAITING FOR TWO HOURS!



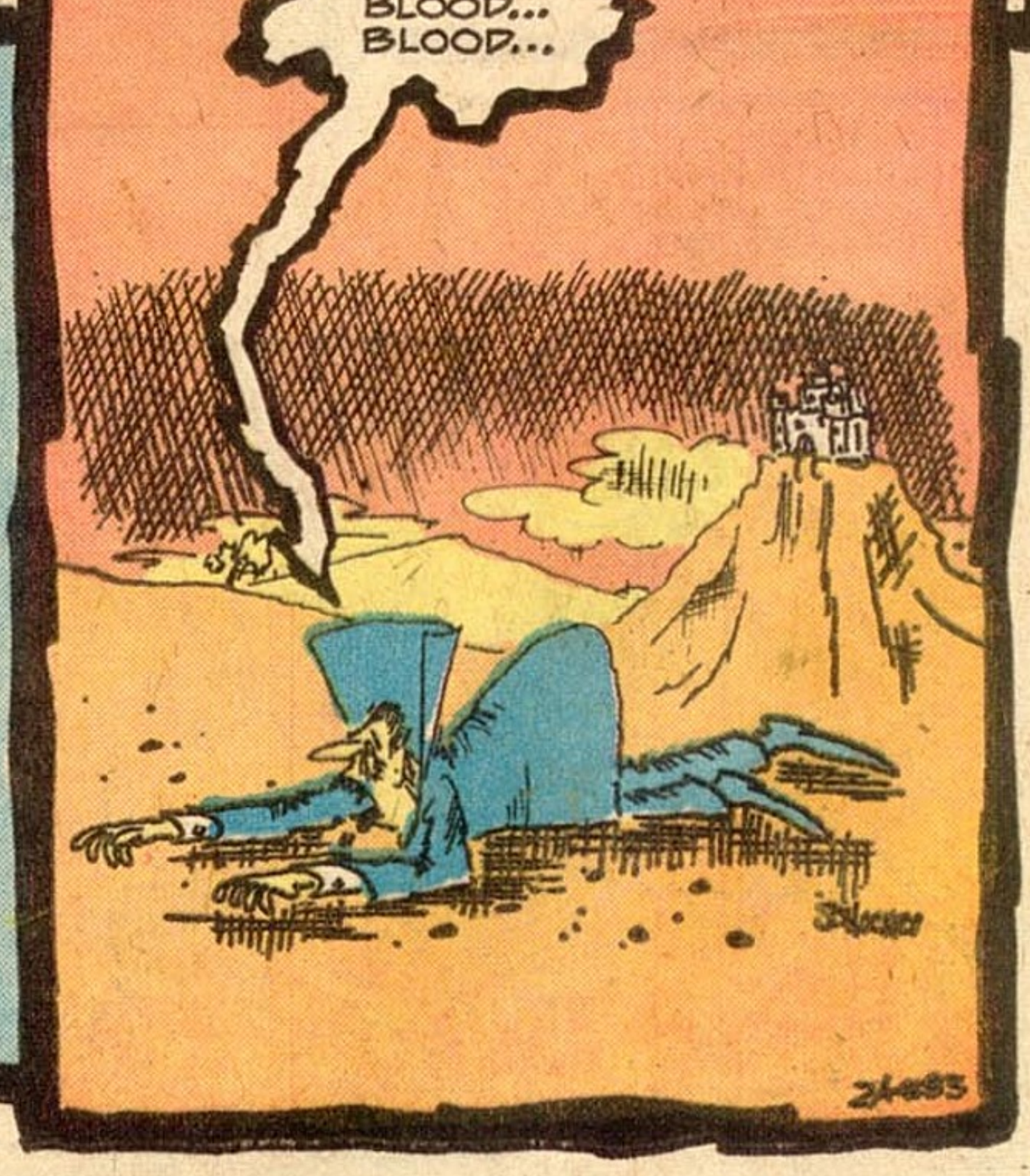
BEFORE THE ISLE OF PLOP SINKS AND TAKES THE REST OF THE MAGAZINE *WITH* IT, HOW ABOUT SOME PLOPS FEATURING GHOULIES, GHOSTIES, AND ASSORTED CURMUDGEONS THAT GO *PLOP* IN THE NIGHT? LIKE, FOR INSTANCE...

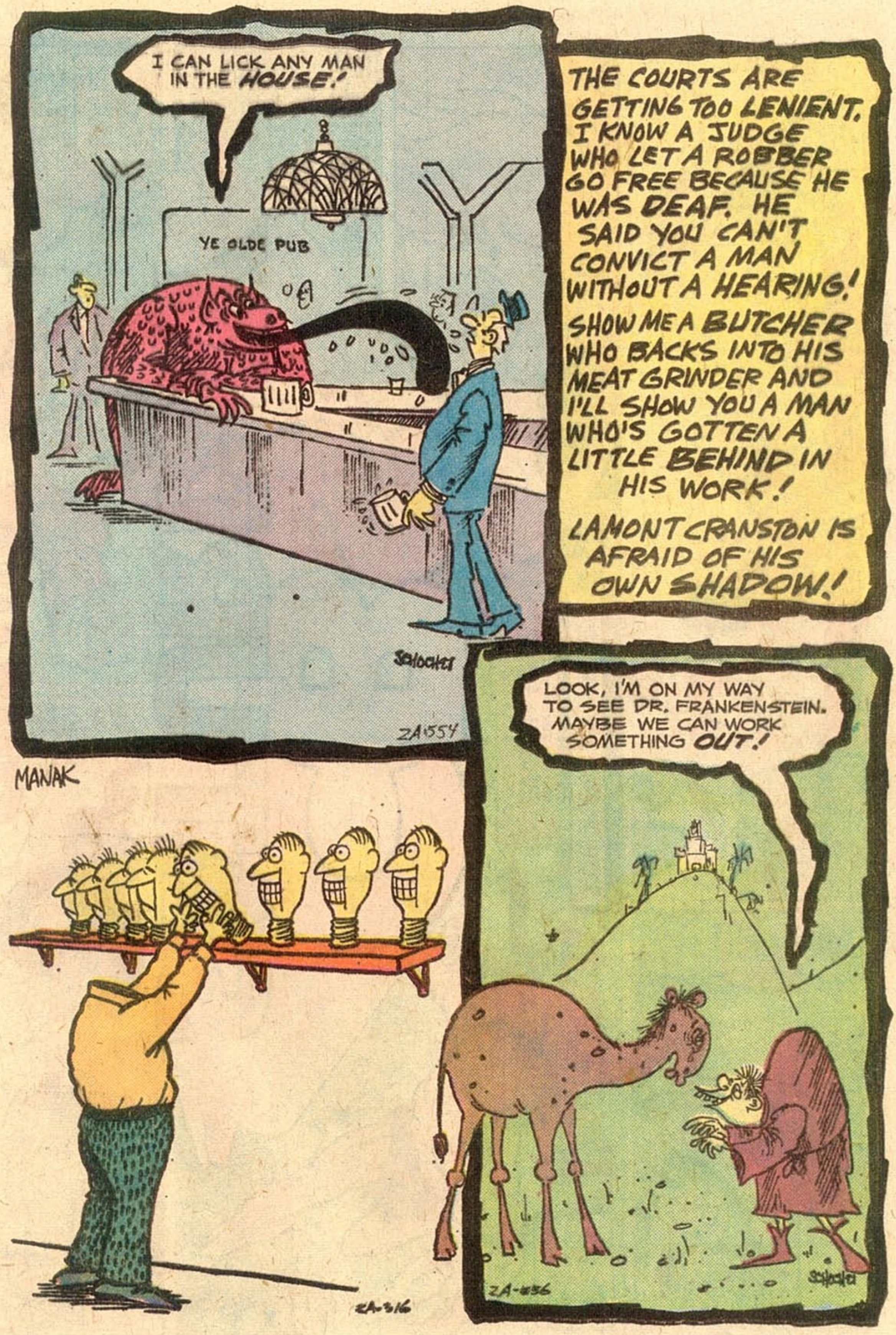
MONSTER PLOPS

CAIN: WHAT'S ANOTHER NAME FOR A GHOST SHIP?
EVE: A WITCHCRAFT!

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WITH THE *NINA*, *PINTA* AND *SANTA MARIA*?
FAMOUS!

OUR TOWN IS SO SMALL THAT THE GENERAL STORE IS ONLY A SERGEANT!




I CAN LICK ANY MAN IN THE HOUSE!
YE OLDE PUB
THE COURTS ARE GETTING TOO LENIENT. I KNOW A JUDGE WHO LET A ROBBER GO FREE BECAUSE HE WAS DEAF. HE SAID YOU CAN'T CONVICT A MAN WITHOUT A HEARING!
SHOW ME A BUTCHER WHO BACKS INTO HIS MEAT GRINDER AND I'LL SHOW YOU A MAN WHO'S GOTTEN A LITTLE BEHIND IN HIS WORK!
LAMONT CRANSTON IS AFRAID OF HIS OWN SHADOW!
SCHOCKET
ZA-554
LOOK, I'M ON MY WAY TO SEE DR. FRANKENSTEIN. MAYBE WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT!
MANAK
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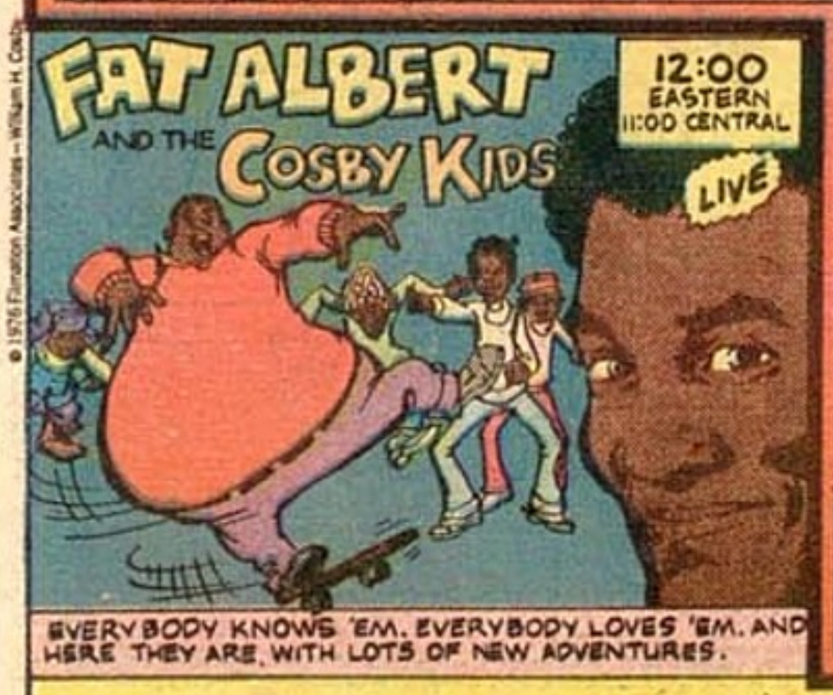
SCHOCKET

NEW SHOWS



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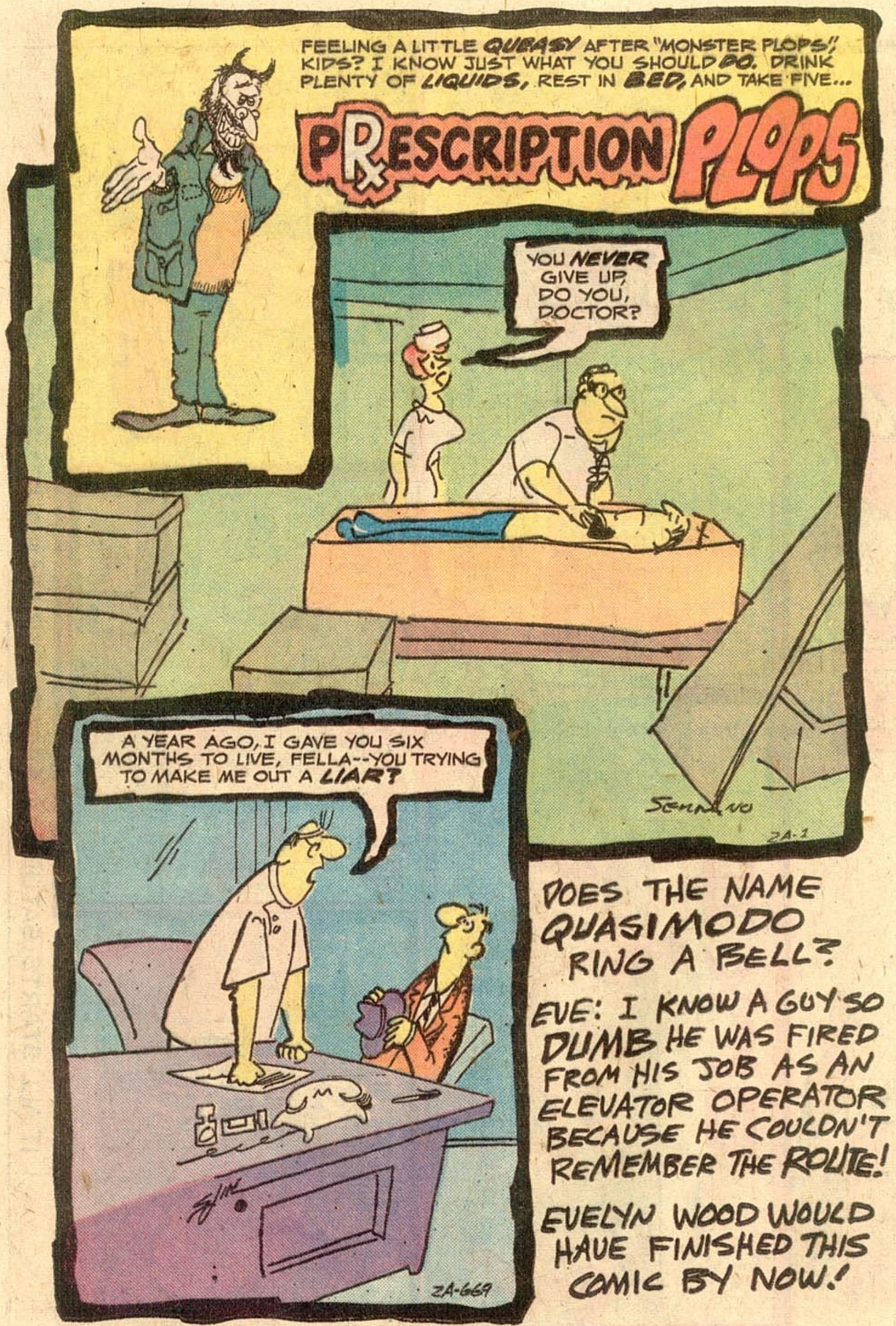
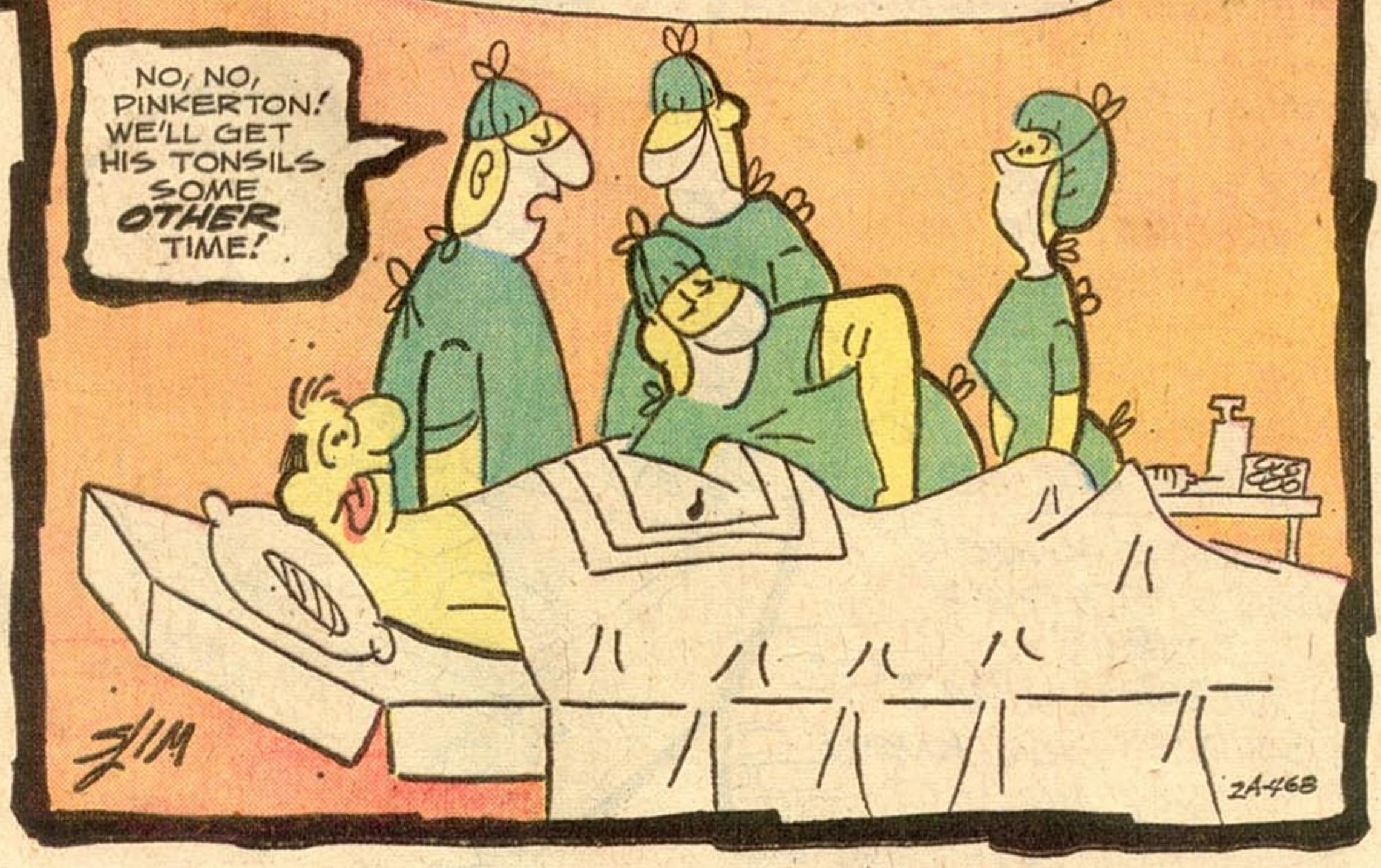
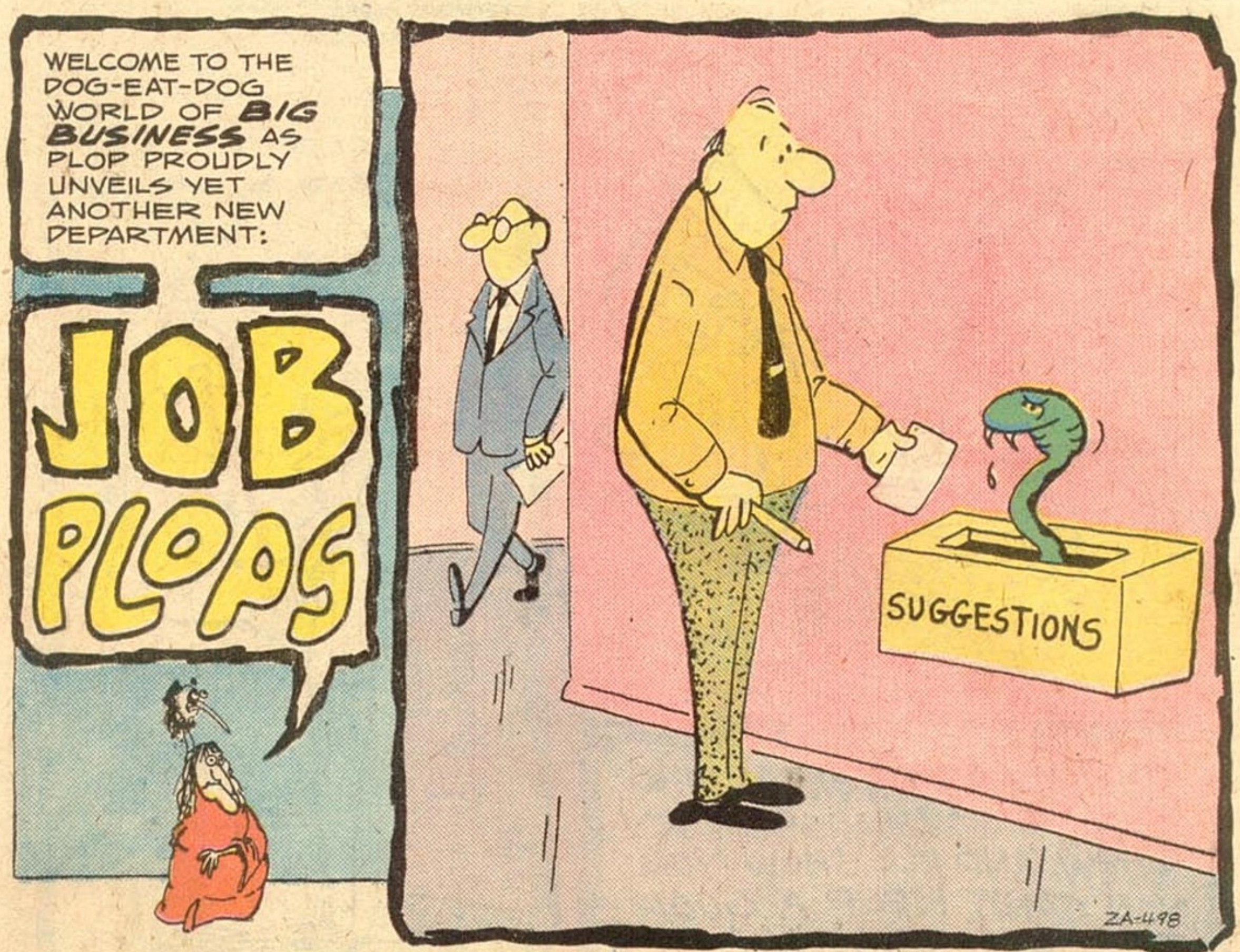
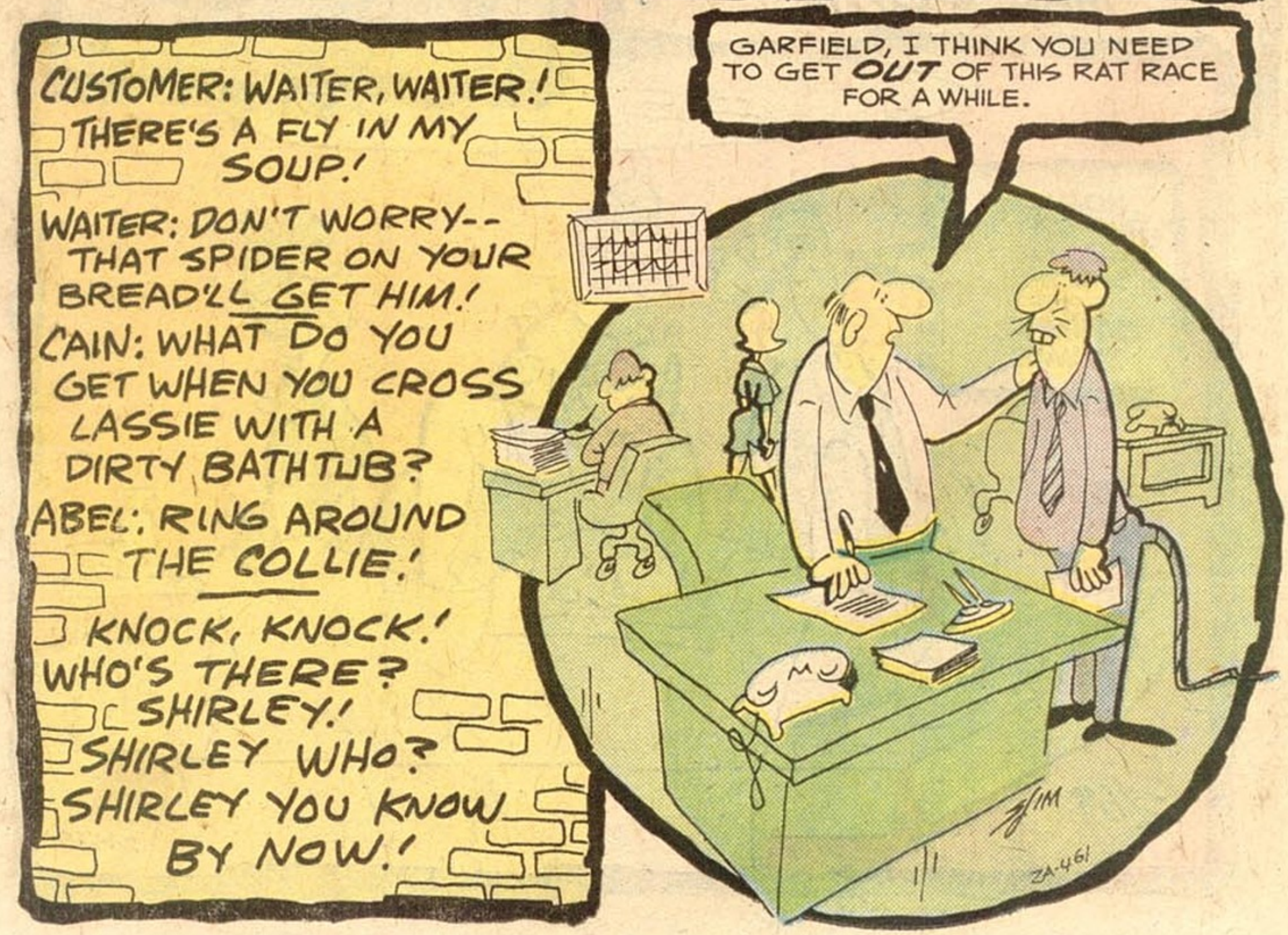

FEELING A LITTLE QUEASY AFTER "MONSTER PLOPS", KIDS? I KNOW JUST WHAT YOU SHOULD DO. DRINK PLENTY OF LIQUIDS, REST IN BED, AND TAKE FIVE...
PRESCRIPTION PLOPS
YOU NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU, DOCTOR?
SEMPLINO
ZA-1
A YEAR AGO, I GAVE YOU SIX MONTHS TO LIVE, FELLA--YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME OUT A LIAR?
ZA-669
DOES THE NAME QUASIMODO RING A BELL?
EVE: I KNOW A GUY SO DUMB HE WAS FIRED FROM HIS JOB AS AN ELEVATOR OPERATOR BECAUSE HE COULDN'T REMEMBER THE ROUTE!
EVELYN WOOD WOULD HAVE FINISHED THIS COMIC BY NOW!

SHOW ME A CANNIBAL WHO GETS SICK ON MISSIONARY STEW, AND I'LL SHOW YOU YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN!




WELCOME TO THE DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD OF BIG BUSINESS AS PLOP PROUDLY UNVEILS YET ANOTHER NEW DEPARTMENT:
JOB PLOPS
SUGGESTIONS
ZA-498


CUSTOMER: WAITER, WAITER! THERE'S A FLY IN MY SOUP!
WAITER: DON'T WORRY-- THAT SPIDER ON YOUR BREAD'LL GET HIM!
CAIN: WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS LASSIE WITH A DIRTY BATHTUB?
ABEL: RING AROUND THE COLLIE!
KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE? SHIRLEY! SHIRLEY WHO? SHIRLEY YOU KNOW BY NOW!
GARFIELD, I THINK YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS RAT RACE FOR A WHILE.
JIM
ZA-461

WHAT? YOU'RE STILL *HANGING* IN THERE? THEN LET'S JOIN SOME OF OUR FAVORITE FELONS, THE CAPTIVATING CONVICTS WHO INHABIT THE GRIM, GREY CORRIDORS OF...

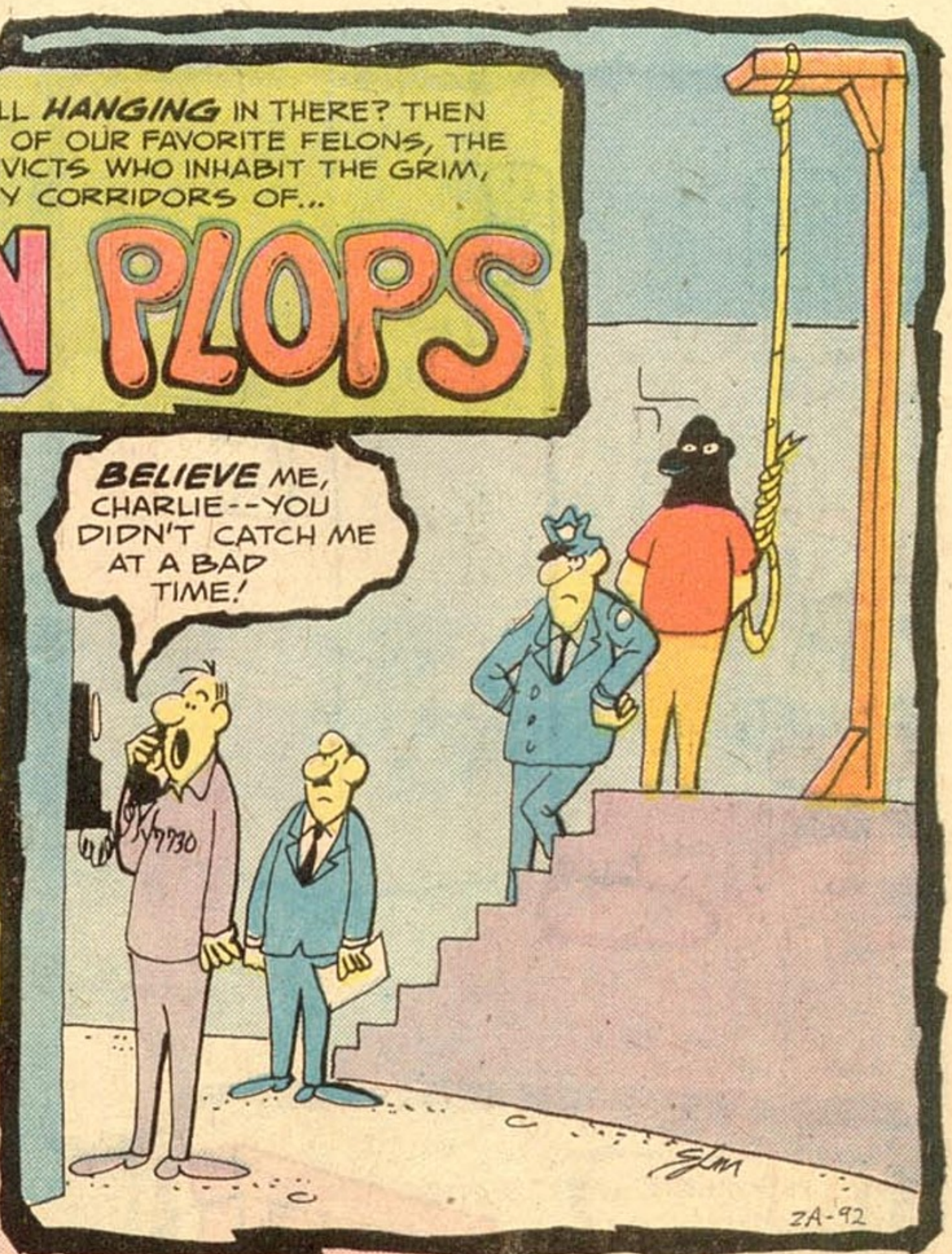
PRISON PLOPS

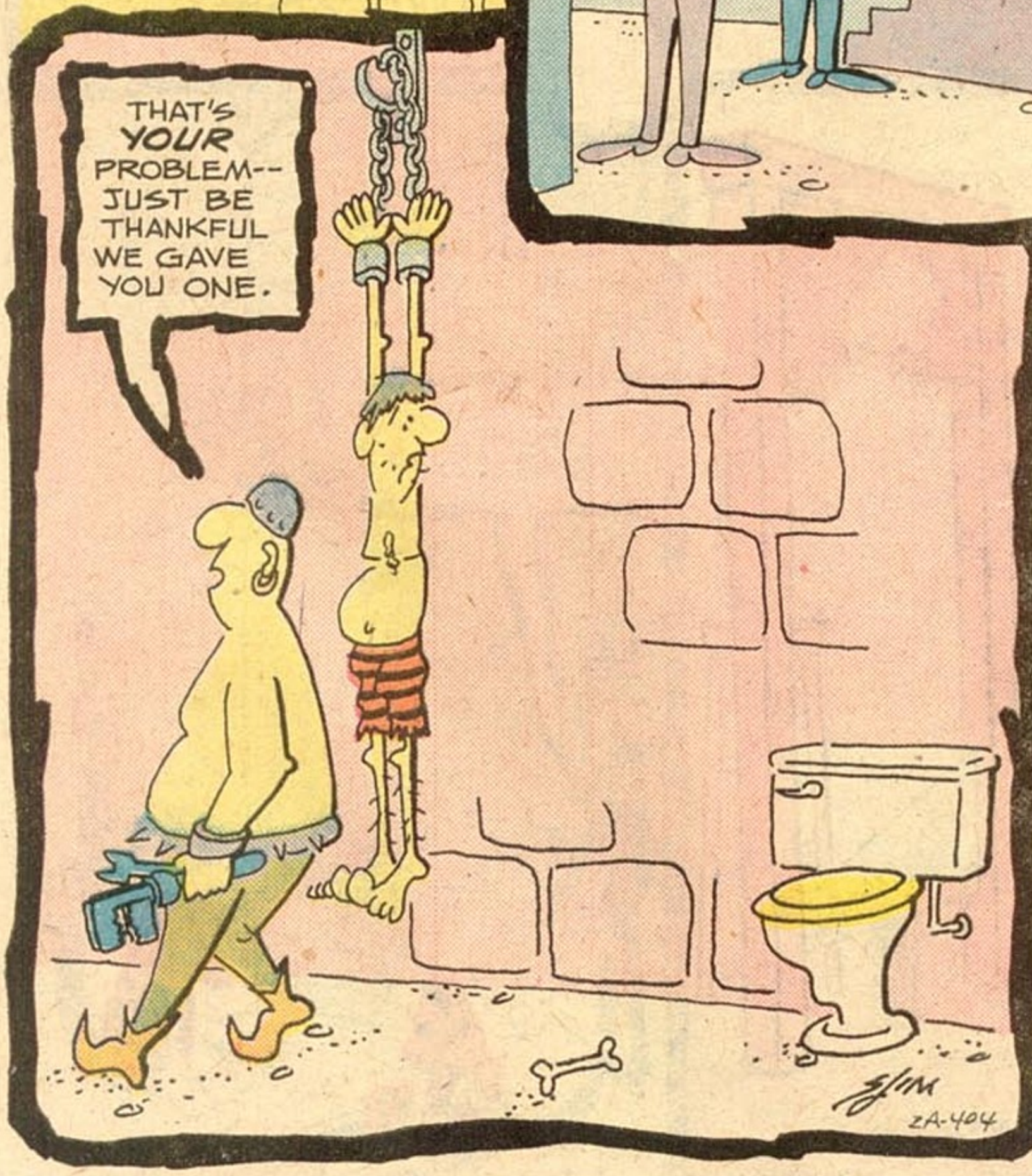
KING KONG WENT **APE** OVER FAY WRAY!

ROCKY: HAVE SOME CANDY--IT'S CALLED POLITICAL TAFFY.

GERRY: WHY IS IT CALLED THAT?

ROCKY: BECAUSE IT HAS A LOT OF PULL!



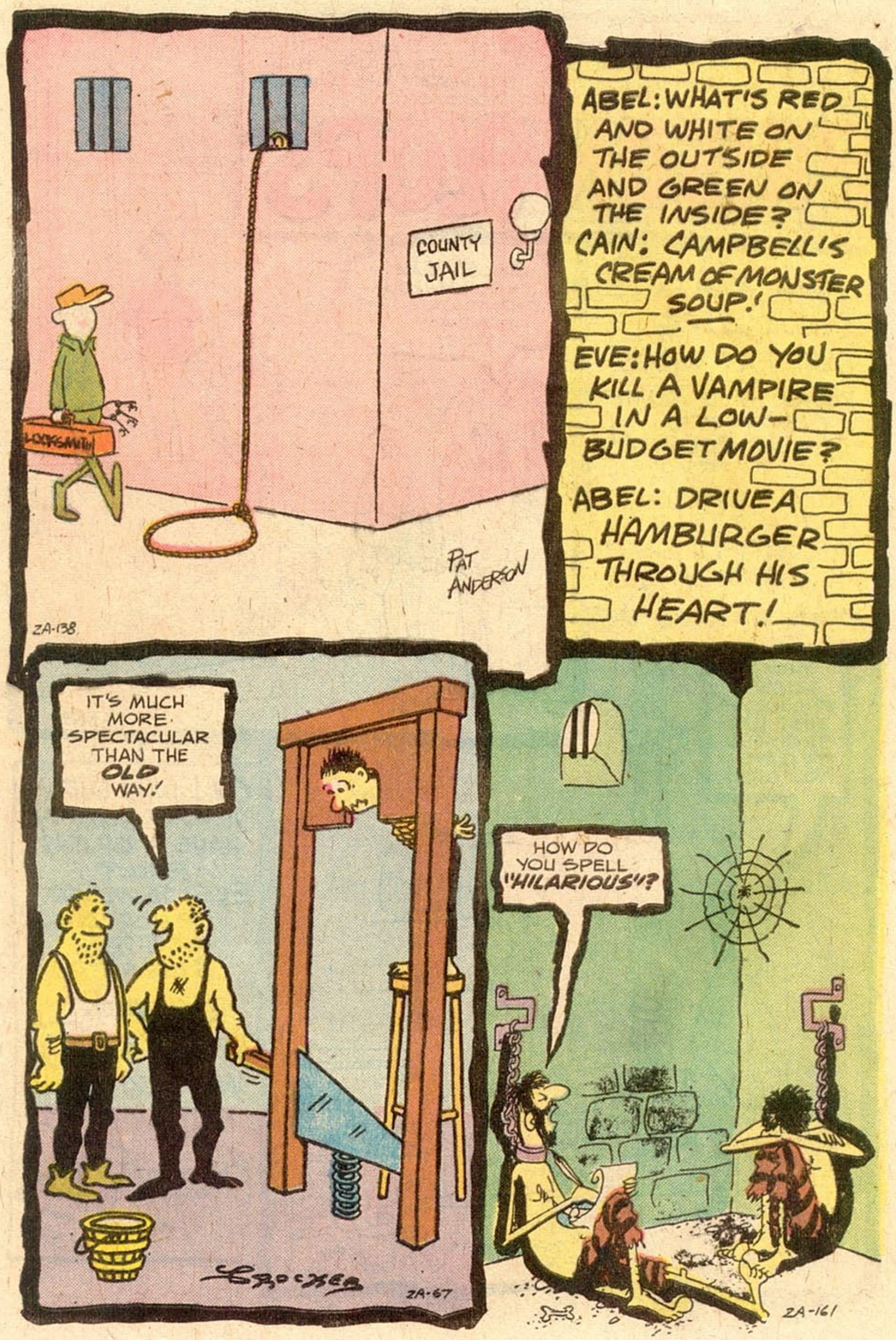


CAIN: WHY DID HUMPTY DUMPTY HAVE A GREAT FALL?

EVE: TO MAKE UP FOR A ROTTEN SUMMER!

ALEXANDER THE GREAT WAS GOOD BUT NOT GREAT!

OUT TO LUNCH


COUNTY JAIL
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PAT ANDERSON
ZA-138
ABEL: WHAT'S RED AND WHITE ON THE OUTSIDE AND GREEN ON THE INSIDE?
CAIN: CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF MONSTER SOUP!
EVE: HOW DO YOU KILL A VAMPIRE IN A LOW-BUDGET MOVIE?
ABEL: DRIVE A HAMBURGER THROUGH HIS HEART!
IT'S MUCH MORE SPECTACULAR THAN THE OLD WAY!
ZA-67
HOW DO YOU SPELL "HILARIOUS"?
ZA-161

NOW IT'S *YOUR* TURN, GROUP! EVERY ISSUE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE *DAVE MANAK*--AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE *"MAD KILLER"* HERE AT *PLOP CENTRAL*--PUBLICALLY EMBARRASS YOU BY DRAWING--FROM YOUR SUGGESTIONS--

READER'S PLOPS

THE DAY PLOP SAVED MY LIFE!

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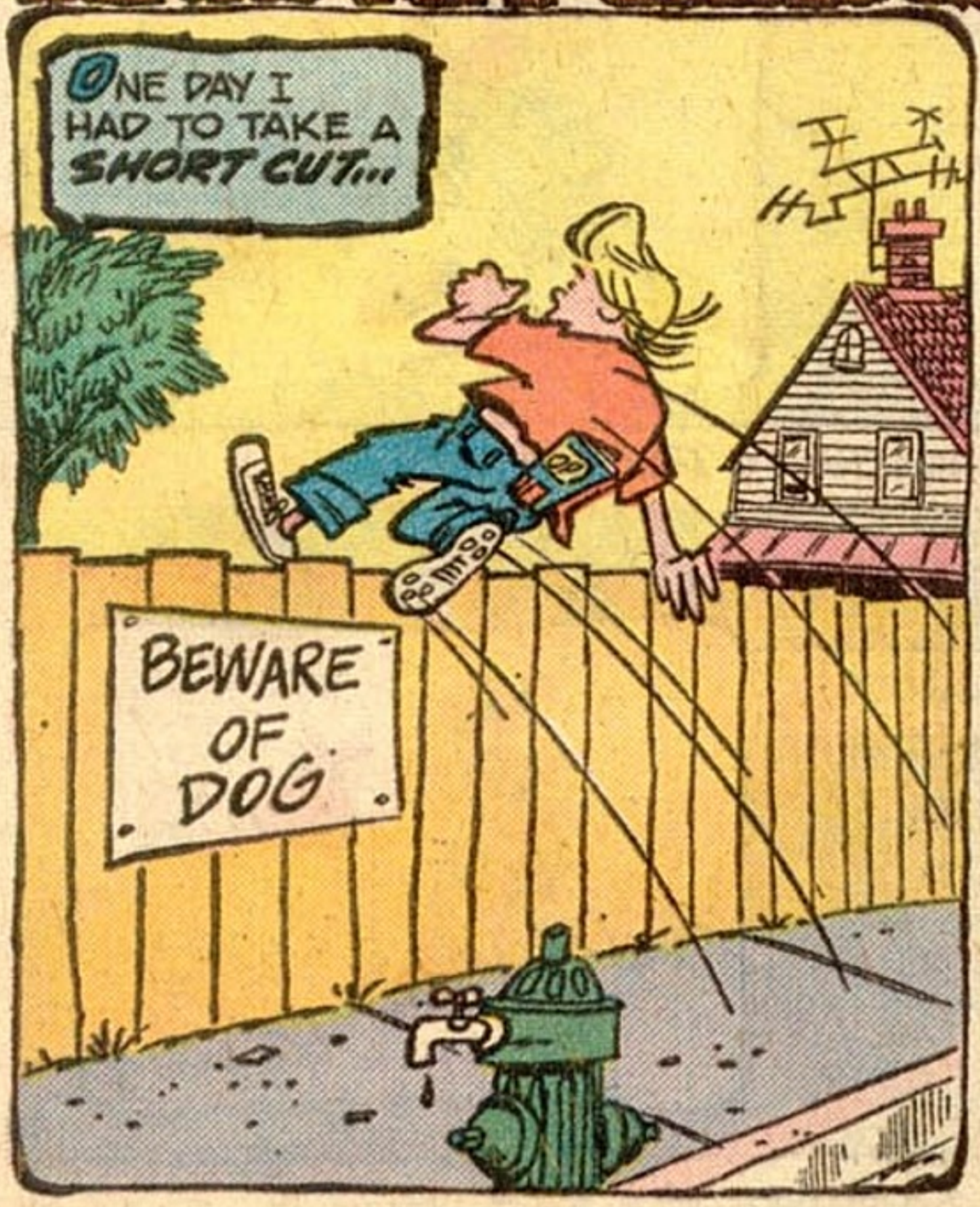

AND HERE'S A HANDFUL OF PREPOSTEROUS...

PLOP-ANTS

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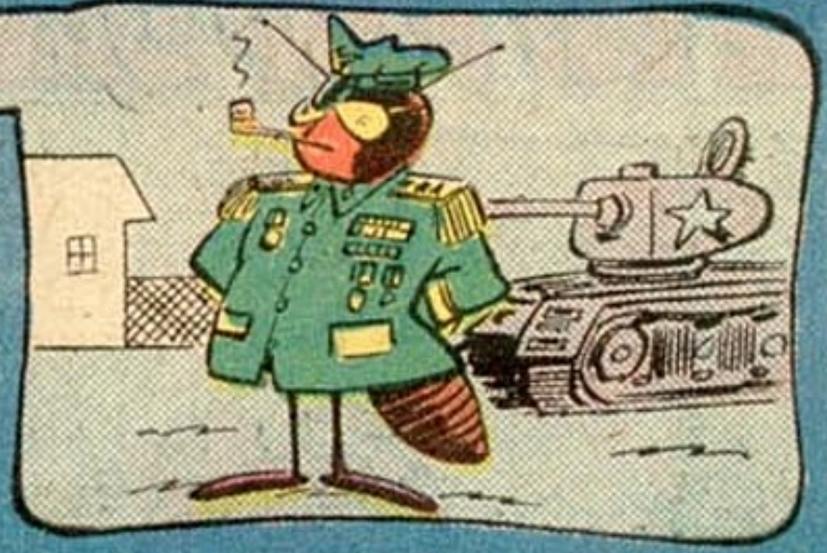
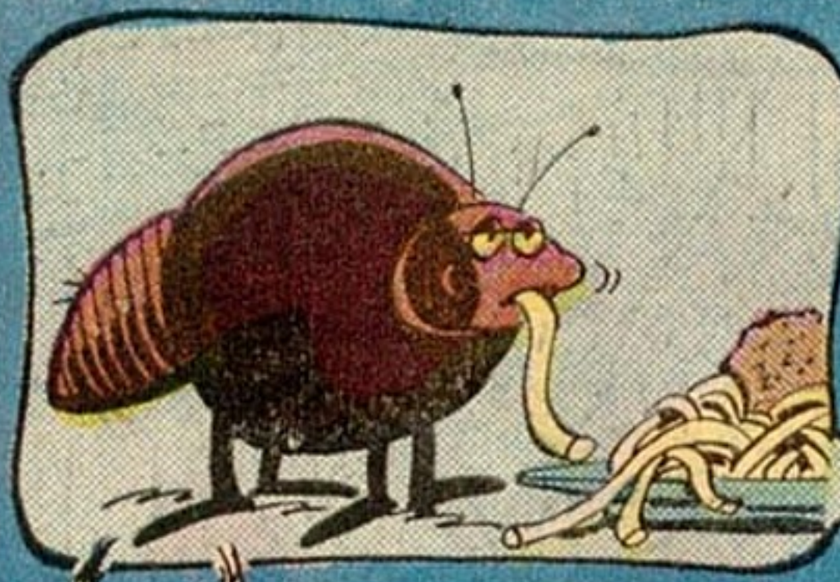
AN ANT IN THE SERVICE IS A **MILITANT!**



AN ANT FEELING LOW IS A **DEPRESSANT!**

AN ANT WHO MOVES AROUND A LOT IS A **VAGRANT!**

AN ANT WHO'S A BUTLER IS A **SERVANT!**



A DECORATIVE ANT IS A **FLAMBOYANT!**

AN OVERWEIGHT ANT IS AN **ELEPHANT!**

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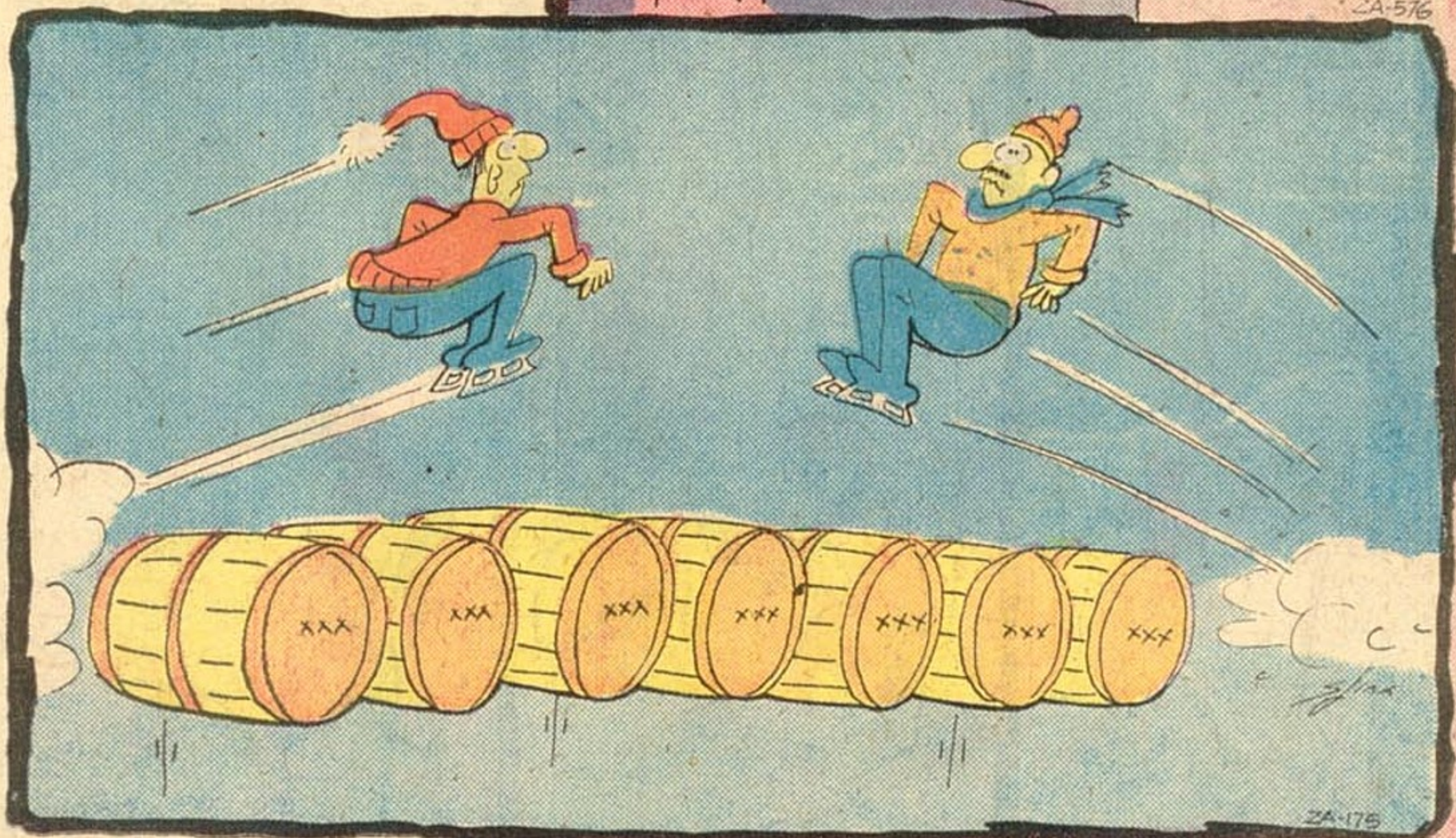

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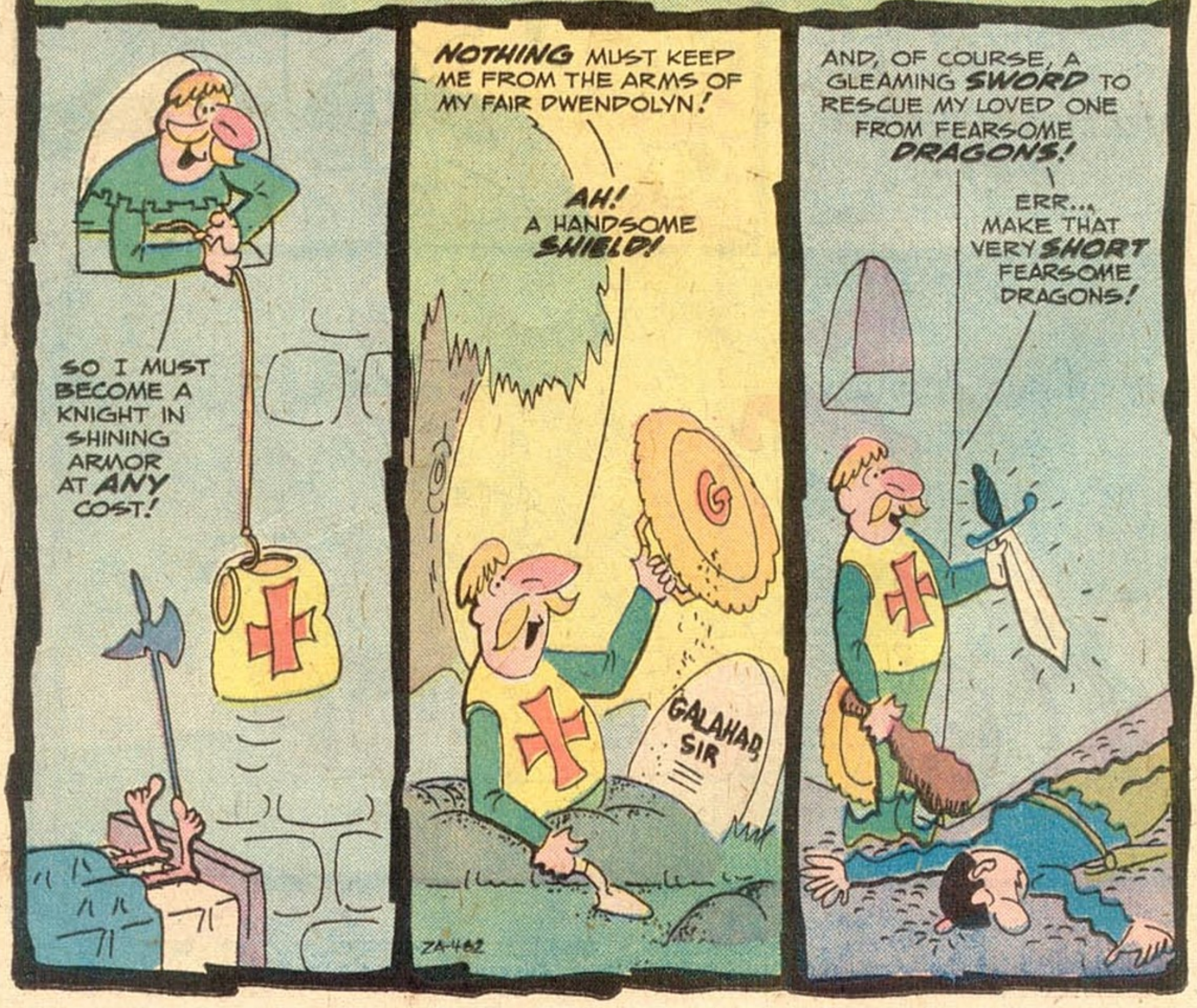
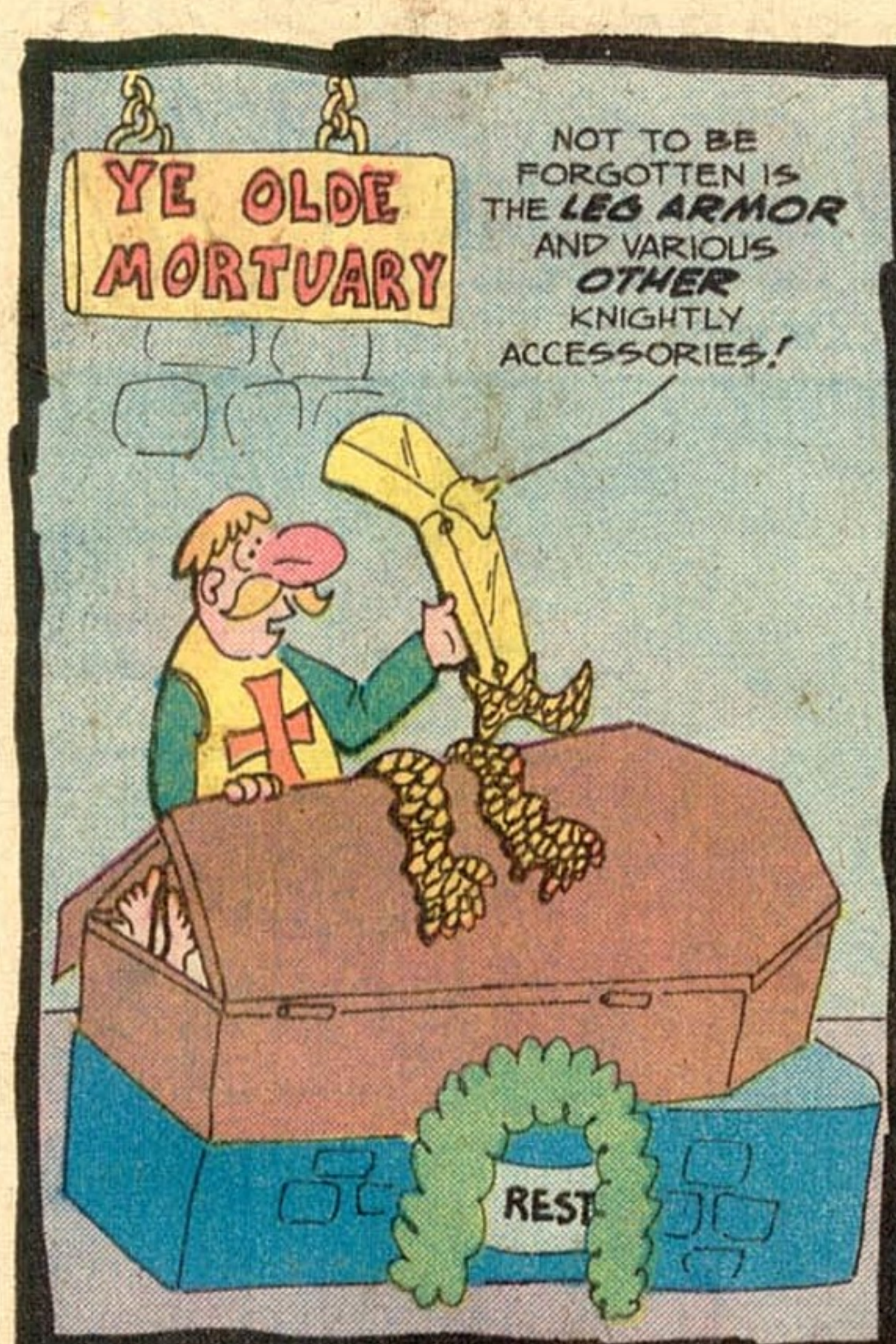
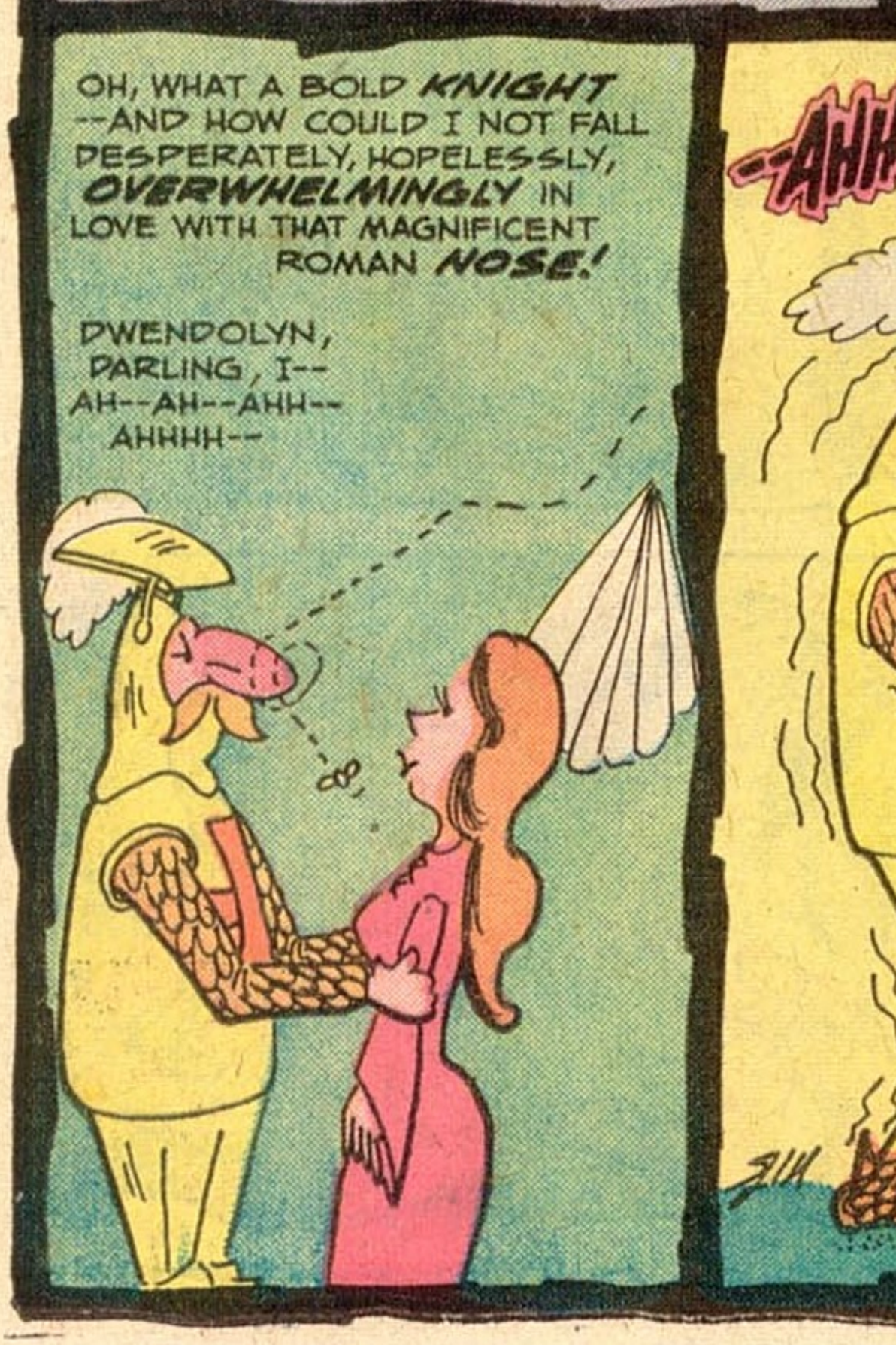



YE OLDE MORTUARY
NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN IS THE LEG ARMOR AND VARIOUS OTHER KNIGHTLY ACCESSORIES!
REST

AND NOW THE CROWNING GLORY! A BIT TIGHT, PERHAPS, BUT VERY, VERY POSH!
ENOUGH VANITY, HOWEVER. ONWARD TO MY CONQUEST OF FAIR DWENDOLYN!
YE OLDE JUNKYARD


OH, WHAT A BOLD KNIGHT --AND HOW COULD I NOT FALL DESPERATELY, HOPELESSLY, OVERWHELMINGLY IN LOVE WITH THAT MAGNIFICENT ROMAN NOSE!
DWENDOLYN, DARLING, I-- AH--AH--AHH-- AHHHH--

--AHHCHOO! PLOP!
THEN AGAIN...
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THE END

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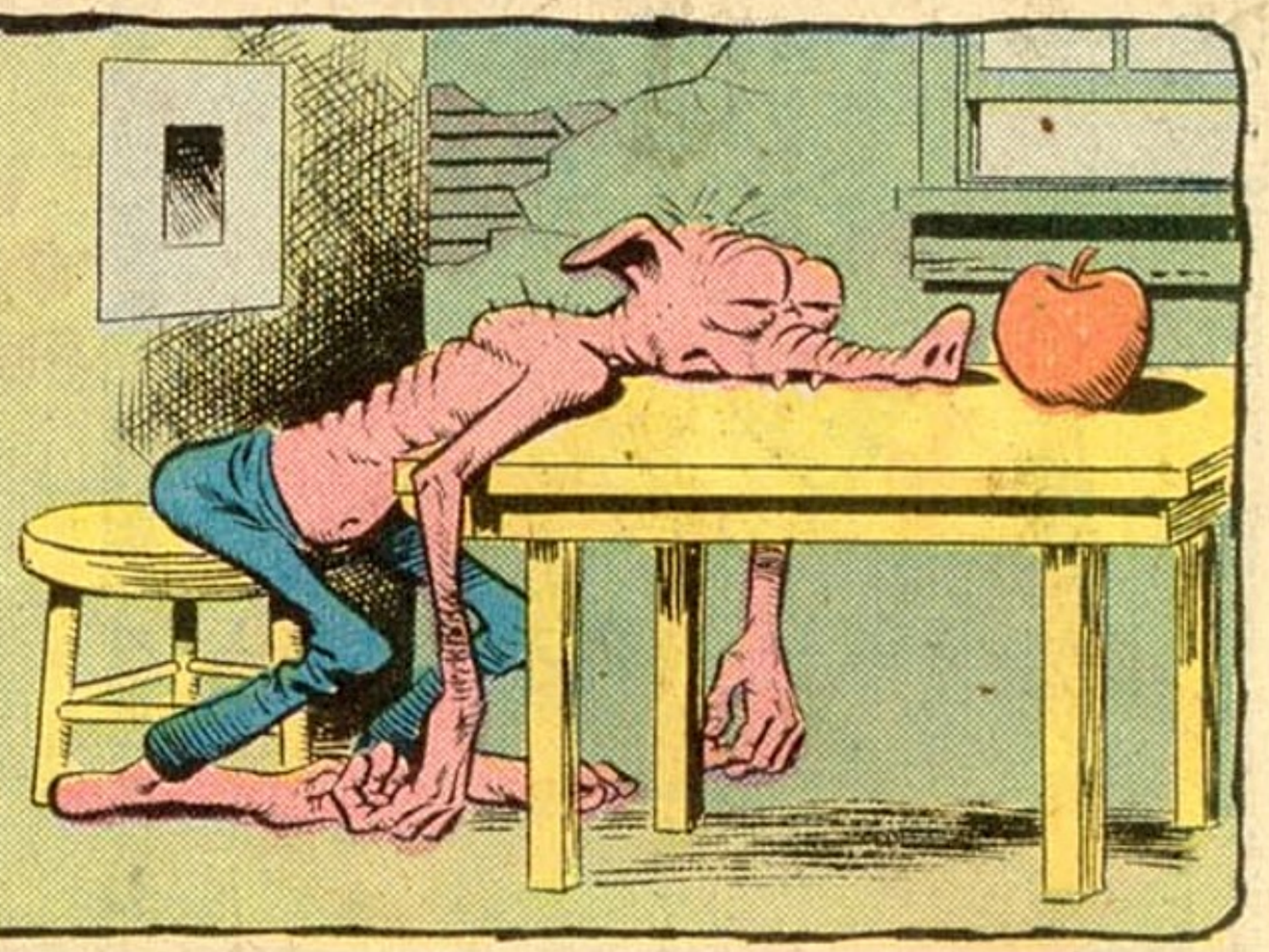
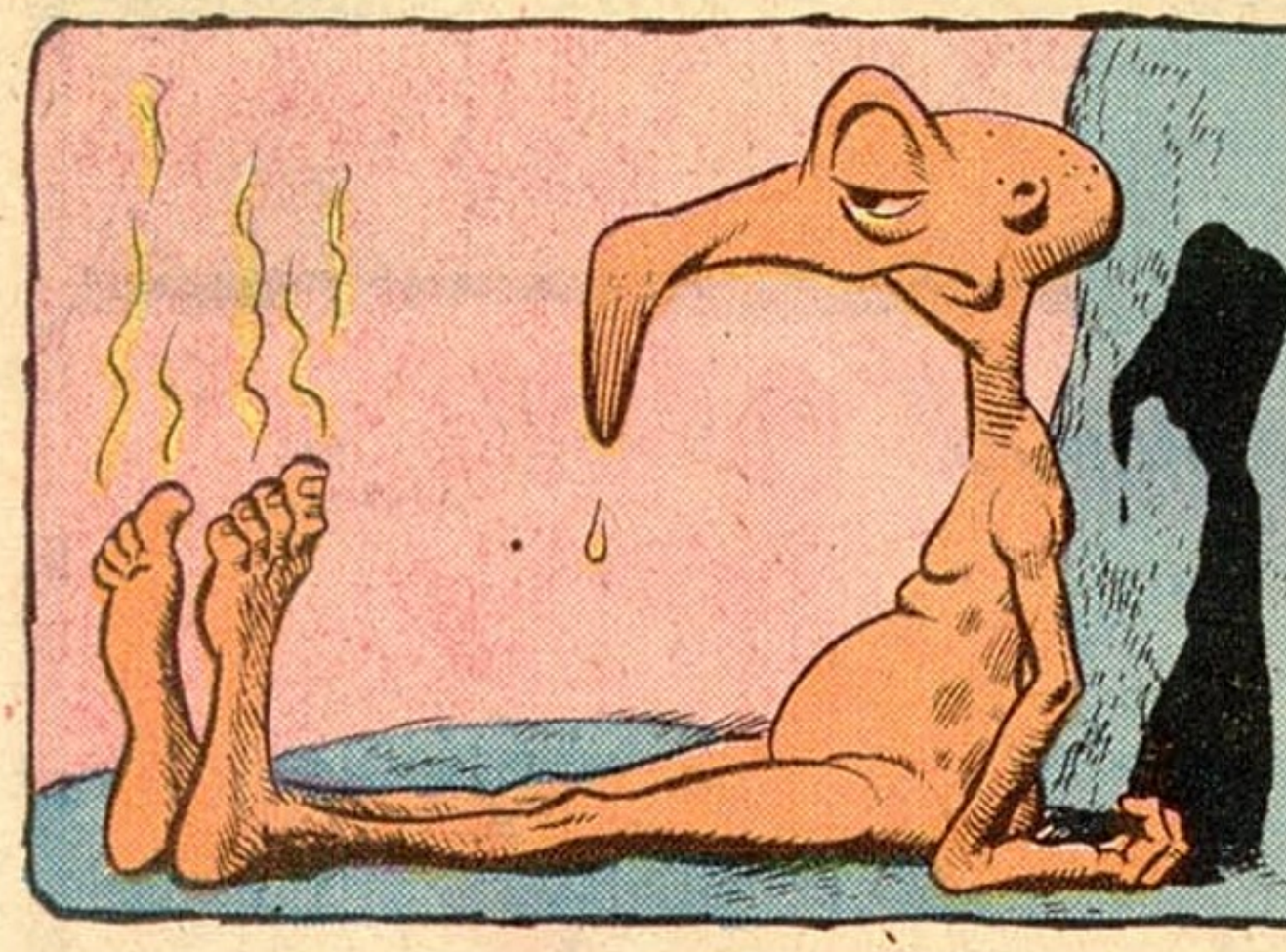
He doesn't eat the food required.
Chewing makes his jaws too tired!





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Now take the Topsyturvy please...
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Picking scabs and eating them.
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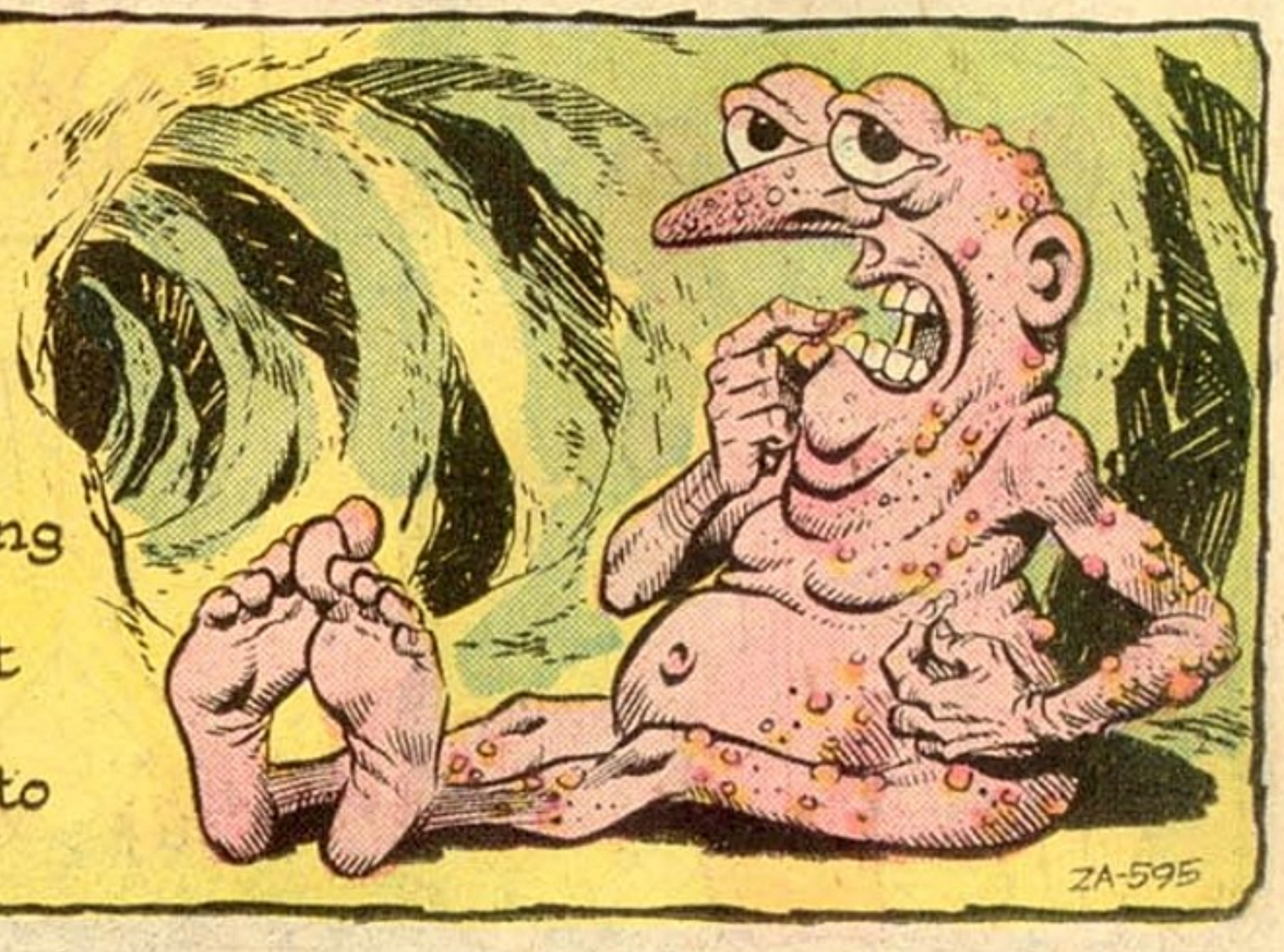

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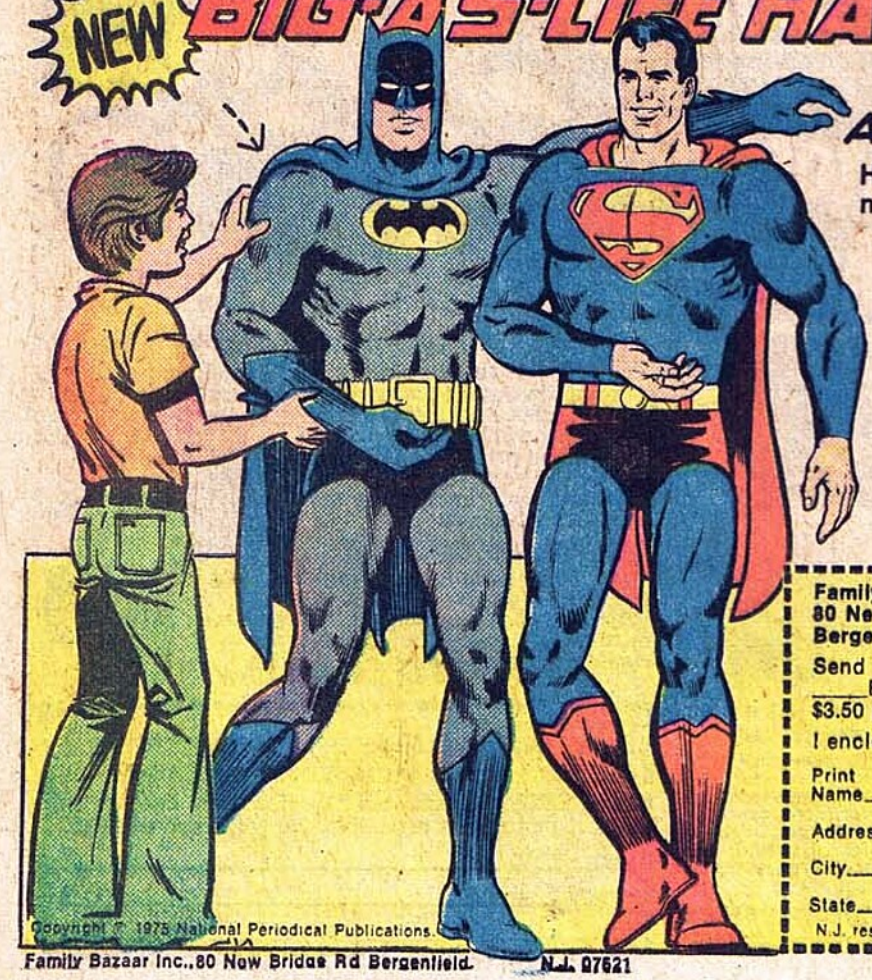

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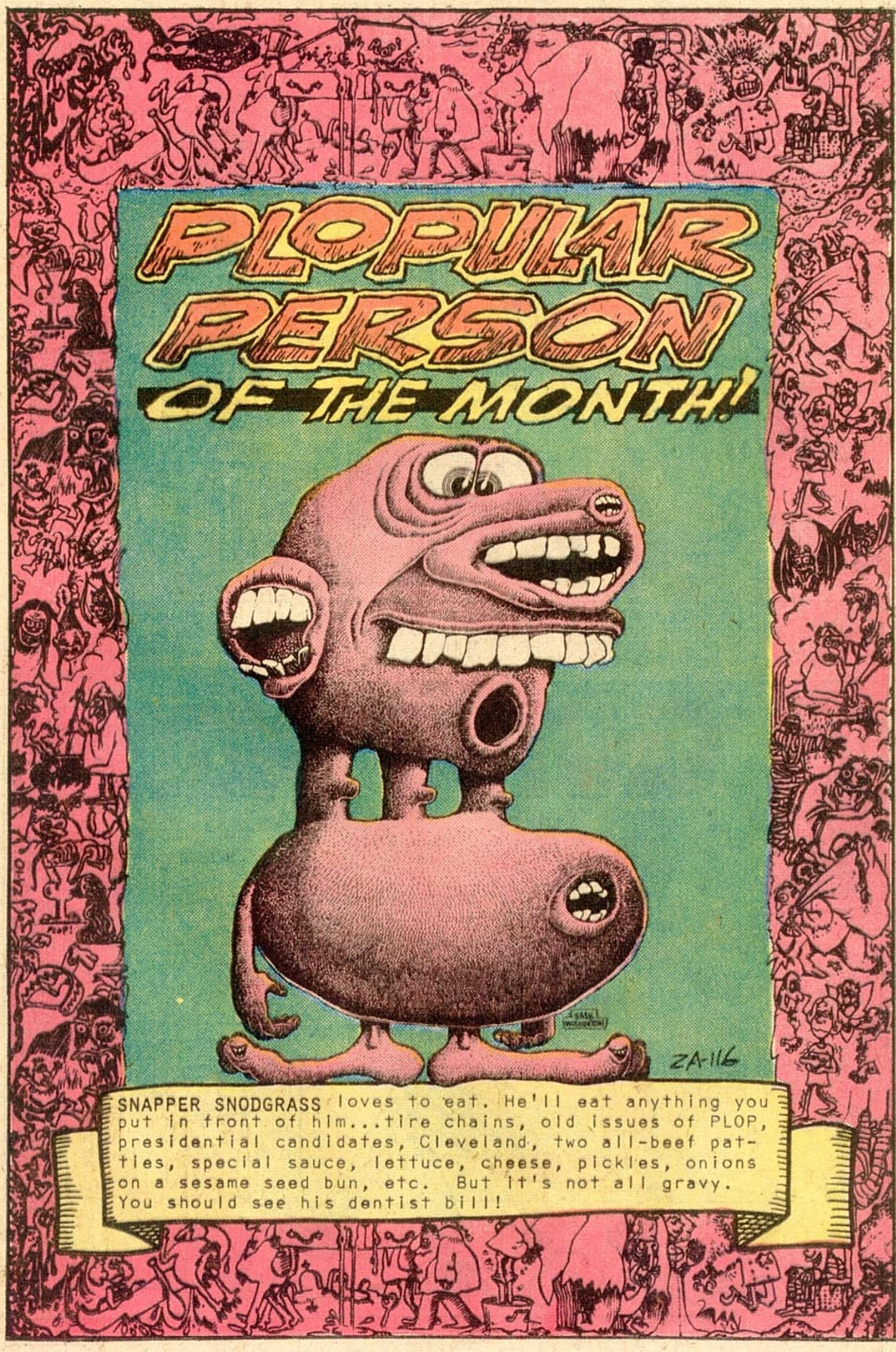
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IF YOUR ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS "YES", THEN THIS STORY IS JUST WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

TODAY WE'RE GOING TO VISIT THE STUDIO OF A REAL, LIVE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST, AND PICK UP A FEW POINTERS ON HOW TO BREAK INTO THE ART BIZ!

YOU SEE THAT BUILDING BACK THERE? NO, NOT THE BEAUTIFUL, EXPENSIVE, ULTRA-MODERNISTIC MANSION! THAT'S WHERE THE LOCAL GARBAGE MAN LIVES! I MEAN THE PLACE NEXT TO IT!

THIS IS A TYPICAL ARTIST'S STUDIO! BUT NOW, DON'T LET THE CRUMMY EXTERIOR OF THIS PLACE FOOL YOU! ON THE INSIDE, IT'S EVEN CRUMMIER!

THERE'S NO NEED TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, THOUGH! COME, LET'S GO IN AND VISIT THE ARTIST, AND SEE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!

THERE ARE MANY SCHOOLS, MANY INSTITUTIONS AND MANY CORPORATIONS WHICH SAY THEY CAN TEACH YOU HOW TO DRAW. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT. THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN SHOW YOU HOW TO BECOME AN ARTIST IS SOMEONE WHO IS ALREADY AN ARTIST HIMSELF. SOMEONE LIKE THIS GUY HERE, WHO IS ONE OF OUR FAVORITE CONTRIBUTORS TO *PLOP*...

GUIDO the ARTIST!

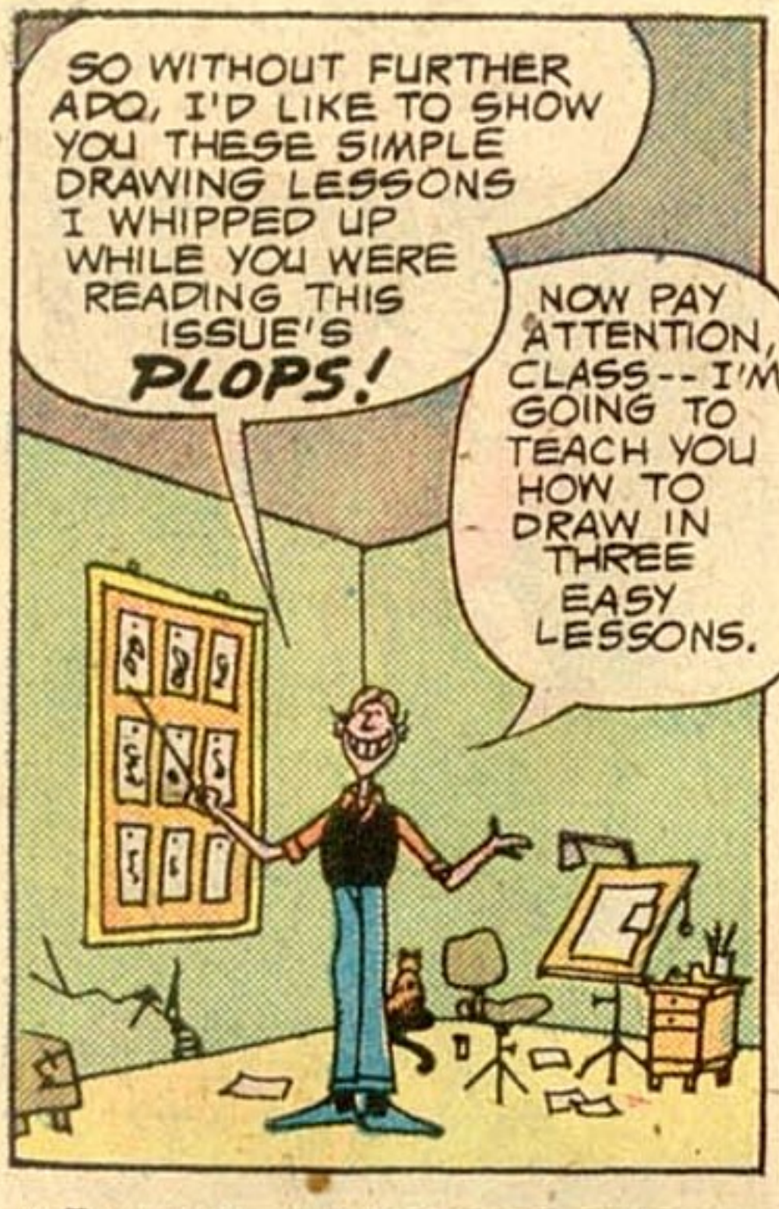
SCRIPT BY: SKEATES and BATES

WHY, HI THERE, REGULAR *PLOP* READERS! WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE WORK SPACE! IT SURE IS NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU FACE TO FACE LIKE THIS!

BUT YOU CAME HERE TO LEARN HOW TO DRAW, DIDN'T YOU?

OH NO!

ART: RIC Estrada


SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU THESE SIMPLE DRAWING LESSONS I WHIPPED UP WHILE YOU WERE READING THIS ISSUE'S PLOPS!
NOW PAY ATTENTION, CLASS -- I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU HOW TO DRAW IN THREE EASY LESSONS.

FOR THE FIRST LESSON, "HOW I DRAW A CHECK."
FIRST I TAKE OUT MY CHECK BOOK WITH MY RIGHT HAND, HOLDING THE DRAWER OPEN WITH MY LEFT.

THEN I FILL OUT THE CHECK MAKING SURE MY HANDWRITING IS LEGIBLE. I GET THE BEST RESULTS WITH A MEDIUM BALL-POINT PEN.
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FOR: Kickback for raise
Guido the Artist
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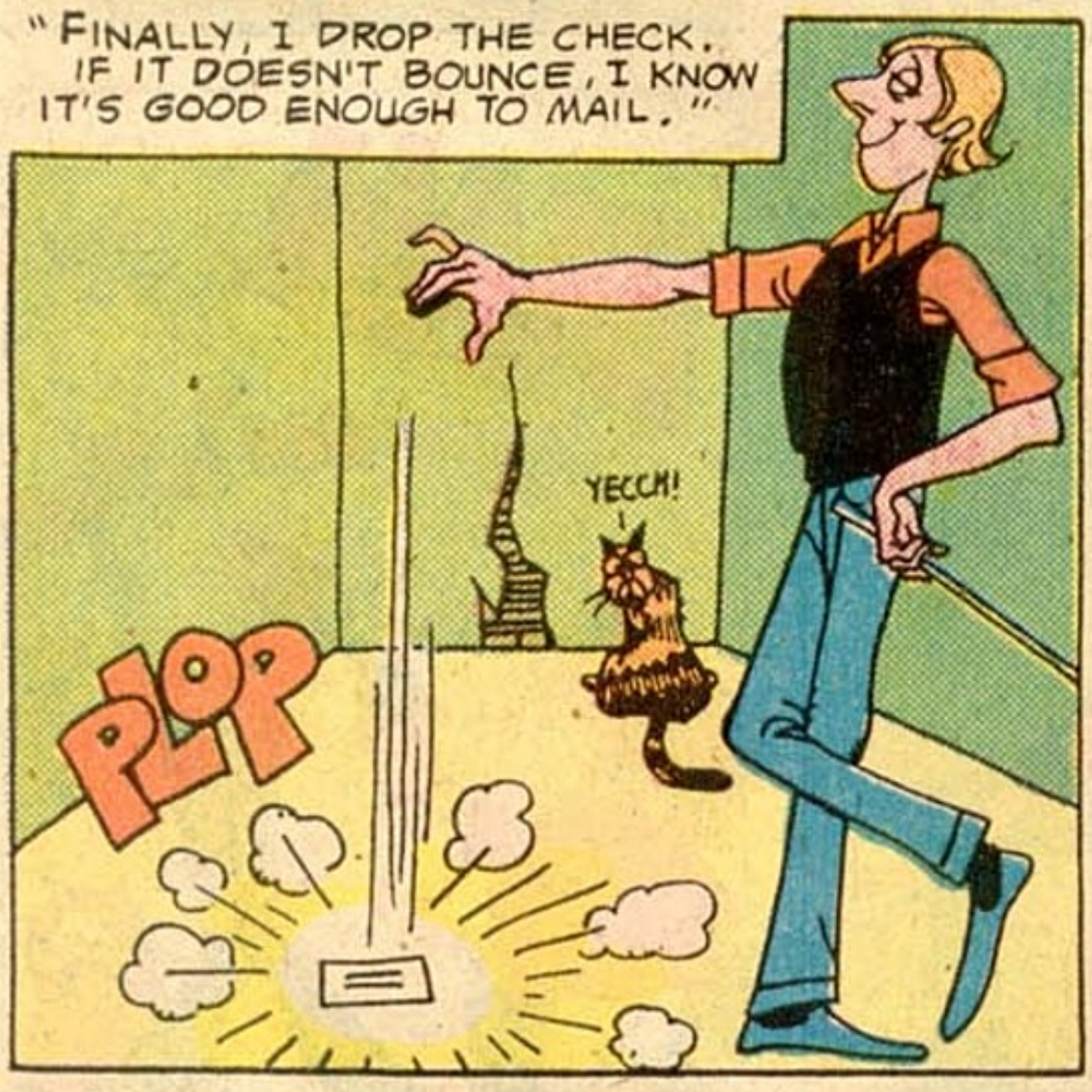
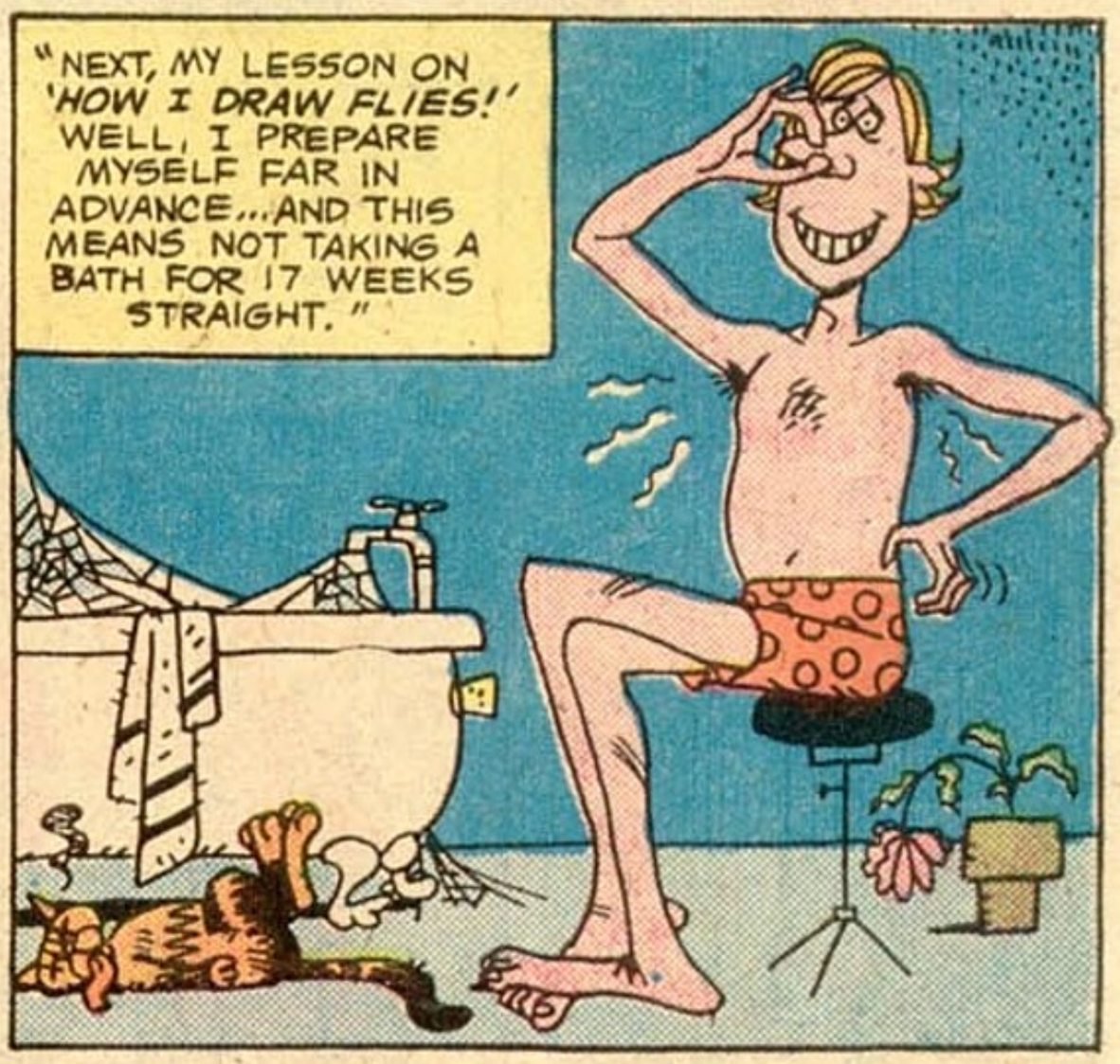
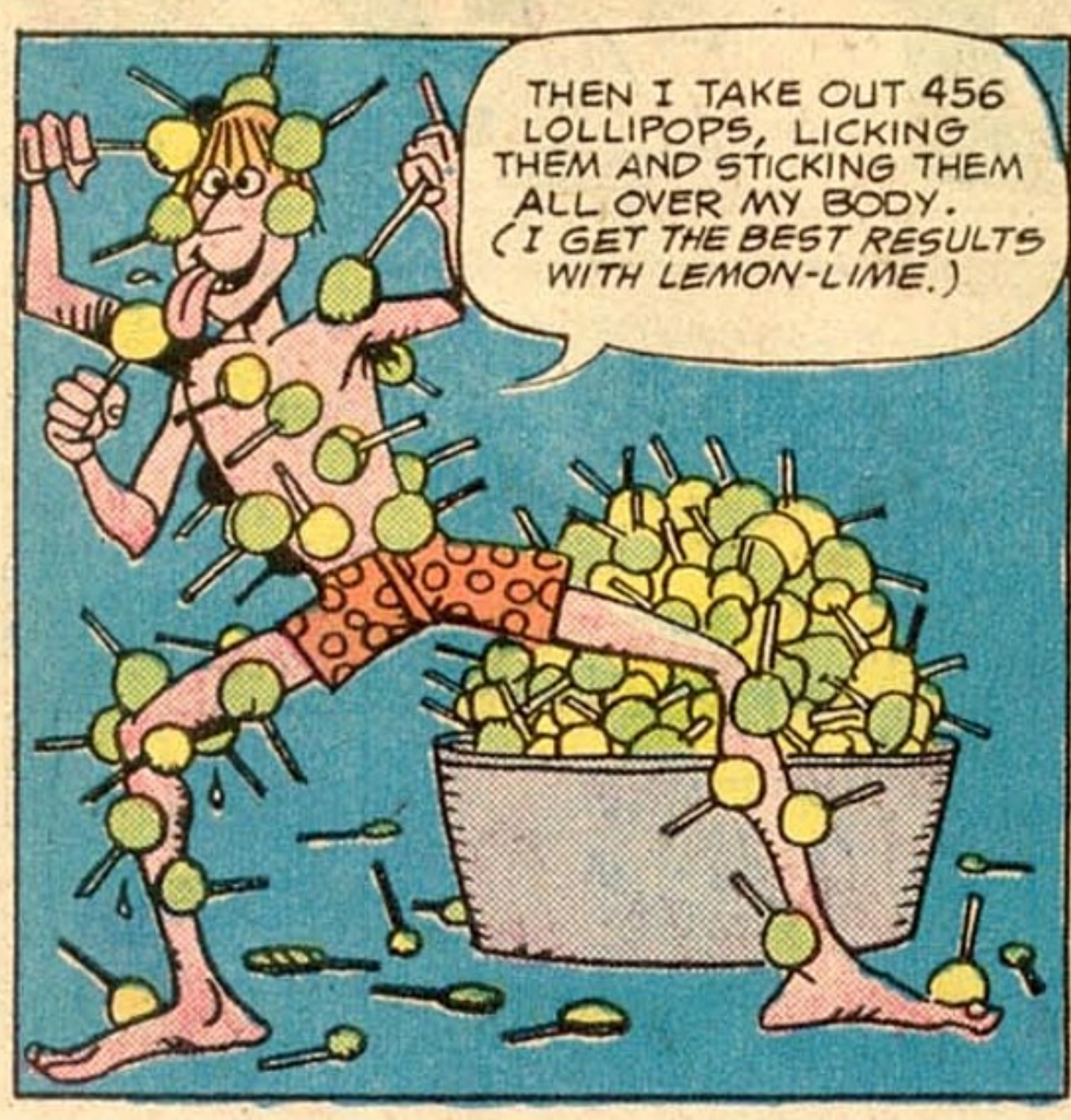

"FINALLY, I DROP THE CHECK. IF IT DOESN'T BOUNCE, I KNOW IT'S GOOD ENOUGH TO MAIL."
YECCH!
PLOP


"NEXT, MY LESSON ON 'HOW I DRAW FLIES!' WELL, I PREPARE MYSELF FAR IN ADVANCE... AND THIS MEANS NOT TAKING A BATH FOR 17 WEEKS STRAIGHT."


THEN I TAKE OUT 456 LOLLIPOPS, LICKING THEM AND STICKING THEM ALL OVER MY BODY. (I GET THE BEST RESULTS WITH LEMON-LIME.)

"AND FINALLY I STEP OUTSIDE, LOCATE THE CLOSEST GARBAGE BIN AND SIT ON TOP OF IT. NATURE DOES THE REST."

NEXT I'M GOING TO DEMONSTRATE "HOW I DRAW A CONCLUSION".
FIRST, I SIT DOWN AND THINK THE PROBLEM THROUGH.

THEN I CONTINUE TO THINK THE PROBLEM THROUGH.

SEVERAL HOURS LATER I AM STILL THINKING THE PROBLEM THROUGH.

EXCUSE ME A MOMENT. THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE DOOR.
KNOCK KNOCK

HI, THERE! I'M AN UP AND COMING YOUNG ARTIST, AND I'M FAR BETTER THAN YOU, YOU HAS-BEEN! A RETARDED TURNIP COULD DRAW A CONCLUSION FASTER THAN YOU!
I'M THE GREATEST ARTIST SINCE LEONARDO DA VINCI! WATCH THIS!

BLAM

YUK YUK
AND THAT, CLASS, IS HOW I DRAW A GUN!
WELL, SO MUCH FOR TODAY'S ART LESSON! BUT BE SURE TO BE WITH US NEXT ISSUE WHEN WE WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO DRAW A BATH, HOW TO DRAW A CROWD, AND HOW TO DRAW ALL YOUR MONEY OUT OF THE BANK AND SEND IT TO ME SO I CAN TAKE A VACATION FROM THIS CRUMMY COMIC!
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AND IN BRAVE AND BOLD, WE'RE GOING TO DO BATMAN AND SUGAR AND SPIKE...

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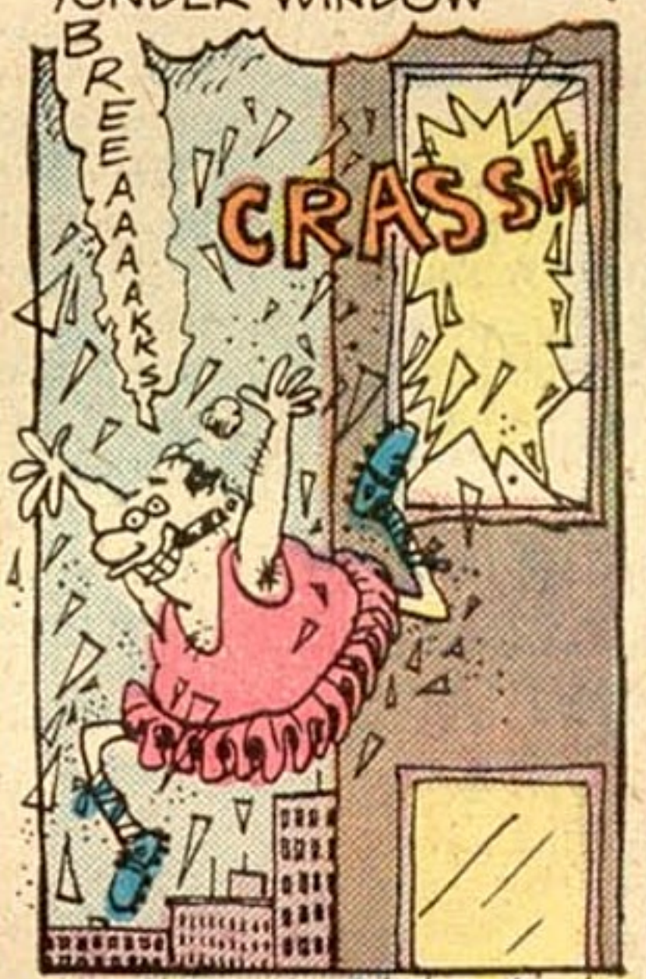

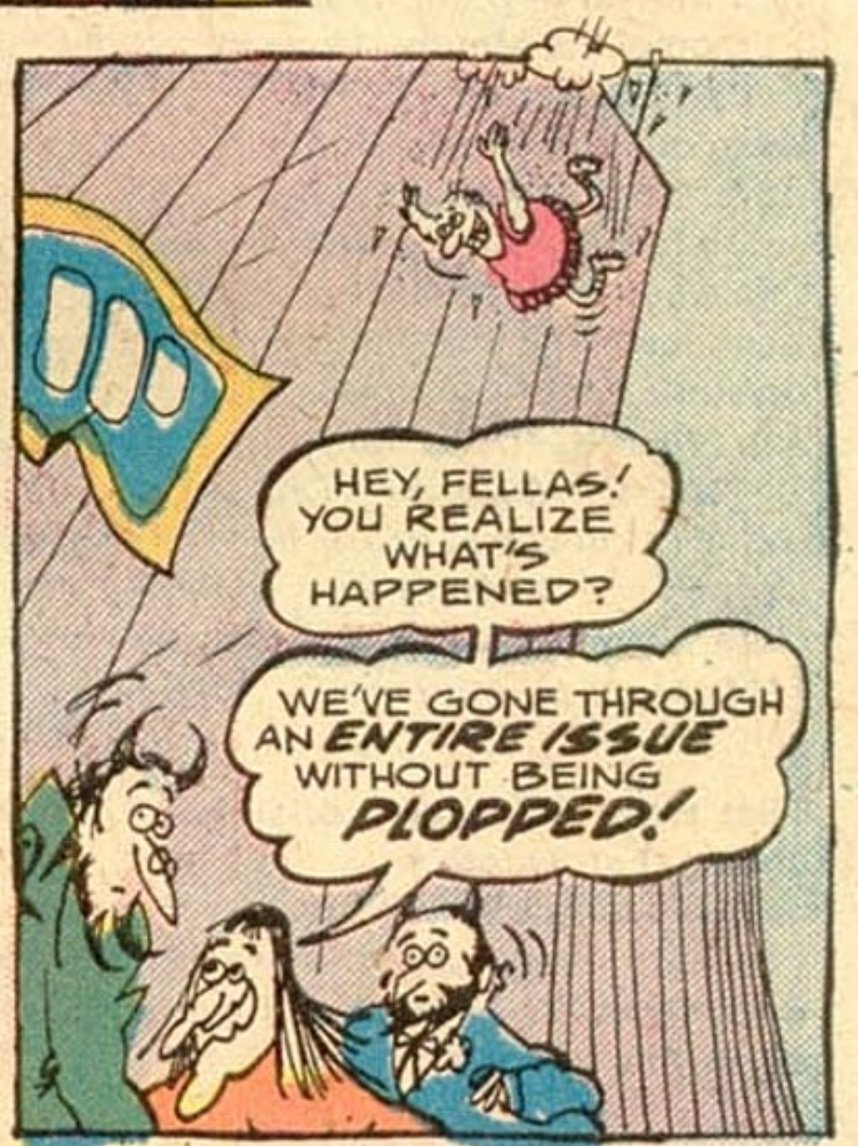

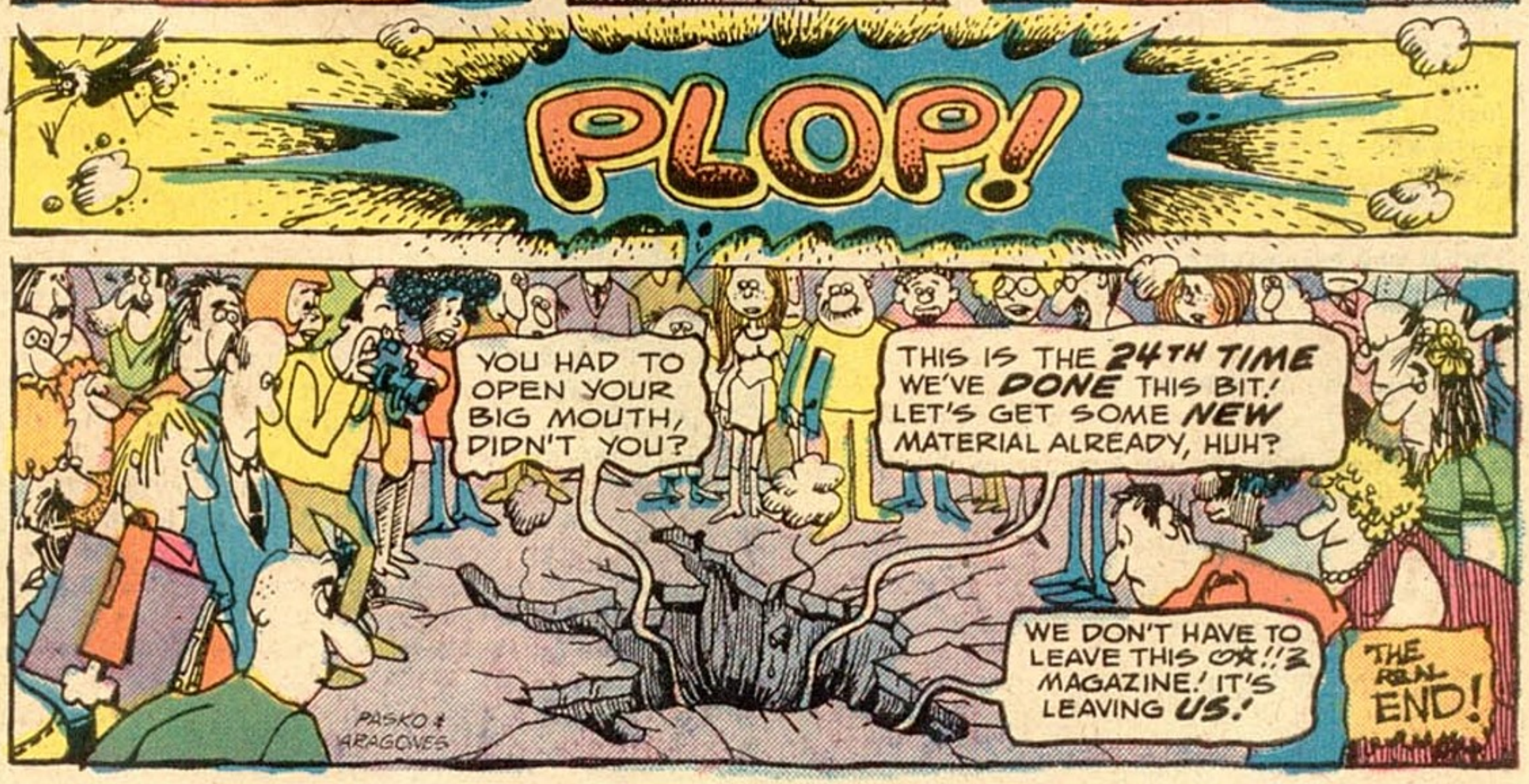

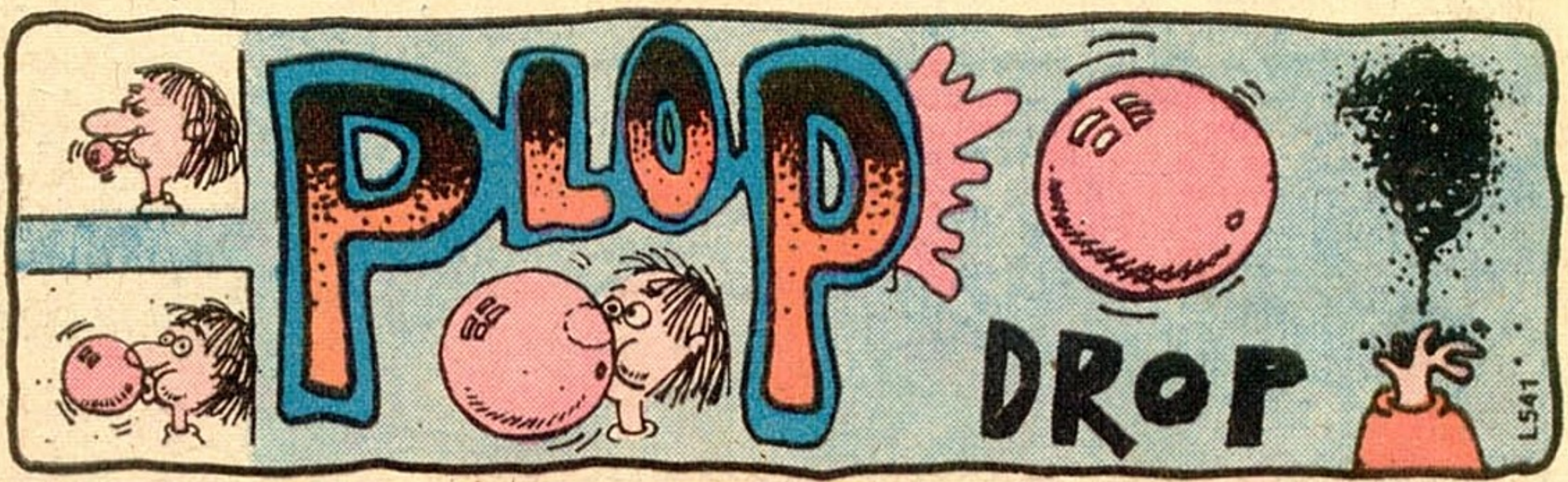

Dear Plop Drop,

I just bought PLOP #21 and was pleasantly surprised. The magazine of absolute rot had gone to a 50¢ size—and what's more—all new material! Oh, joy! A Joe Orlando cover! Thrills! **PLOP** goes to the ballpark (to talk to a player with the appropriate number 13 on his uniform). Whoopee! Adventures of Peter Pureheart! (I really liked these! Could you make this a regular feature?) I was also happy that your usual-type cover had moved to page 21 and had been named "Plopular Person of the Month". I love the art of both Basil Wolverton and Wally Wood, and I'm glad that you've not left them out completely for the likes of Slim Johnson (#20's cover and (ah!) Joe Orlando.

My favorite story was "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog!" this was my idea of what **PLOP** should be, and hasn't been for many fine, but not perfect issues. Give **PLOP** a "mystery book" look once again . . . the "whistling past a graveyard" effect you spoke of in **AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS** #6. Oh, yes—my dog Murgatroyd wants to know how he got into the second and third panels of page 3 of the story when he's never met either Coram Nobis or Sergio Aragones.

May you plop forever!

Chris G. Arnott, Winchester, Mass.

That wasn't Murgatroyd, Chris. That was his distant cousin Fernwood who once removed a thorn from Sergio's foot. But that's a story for another issue.(*PLOP* #10, if we recall.) As for more of Peter Pureheart, we're working on it. At least, the evil Rudy made the cover again this issue, right?

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Dear Cain, Abel, and Eve,

The funniest thing happened to me the other day. I just can't wait to tell somebody. But then, why should I waste a good story on **you** people? Talk about streaking a nudist convention! Just forget I ever wrote.

Ronald Ferrara, Cranston, N.J.

Forget *who* ever wrote?

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Dear Plop,

Why did you name **PLOP, PLOP?**

Ricardo Scheller, Barstow, Calif.

Because nobody would buy a magazine called Fred.

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Dear Plop,

I would.

Fred F. Fred, Fred, Ohio

Now cut that out!

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Dear Plop,

I have long been a reader of READER'S DIGEST. They publish articles from every magazine of any worth under the sun, but not once have they carried an article from PLOP! Why is this, dear editor?

David Taeusch, Midland, Mich.

We're too intellectual for them.

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Dear Plop,

Okay, you've really done it this time! For once I'll be serious. Something went plop on you plopsters and your magazine. You have ruined everything this unique humor magazine once stood for. Here's how you did it:

1) The cover starts the whole thing off wrong. I don't see why you ever switched from those wonderful Wolverton covers in the first place. I just love those icky little monsters that used to crawl around the edges. Once and for all, put those plopular people back on the cover.

2) Change the Table of Plop-tents back to the way it was in the early days of **PLOP.**

3) Totally eliminate that very un-funny Peter Pureheart.

4) And now, your biggest mistakes . . . where are those three lovable laugh-getters, Cain, Eve, and Abel? I . . . sob! . . . I . . . I . . . miss them s-so much . . . gasp! I know, you're saying that they appear throughout the magazine. Sure, in those stupid little black-and-white sketches. Remember, they're the hosts of this book. Now that you have more space, we should see even more of them. I bought your crummy magazine especially because of everybody's favorite gruesome trio. BRING THEM BACK!

5) The biggest mistake of all. Less Aragones! Sob! Gasp! Heartburn! If I recall correctly, **PLOP** was originally planned as a book which featured mainly Aragones masterpieces. Sergio is the greatest humor artist ever to hit the face of this earth! In #22, I saw only one very, very short Aragones story, which was the best thing in the issue. Just looking through his stories makes me chuckle. If you expect **PLOP** to stay on the stands, BRING HIM BACK!

6) Don't waste your pages with plain white space or stupid jokes that you fished out of an abandoned sewer somewhere. Instead, bring back those cute little Aragones monsters.

Okay, you've seen my suggestions. Now don't be uncool. I'm a Professor of Plopology. My life is one big plop! At least, put these suggestions in the letters section for your readers to think about. I'm sure you'll get quite a few letters in agreement. I'm very serious about this matter, so no smart remarks at the end of this letter, okay?

Randy Myers, Powhatan, Va.

It'll be a struggle, but we'll try:

1) Early indications are that sales of *PLOP* have gone up with the Joe Orlando cover that graced issue #21. But we're still giving you Wolverton, albeit on the interior of the magazine.

2) The inside front cover is no longer available for the old-style Table of Plop-tents, and we don't think we should waste any pages printing it elsewhere. We'd rather give you one more page of material.

3) Most *PLOP* readers like Peter Pureheart.

4) Cain, Eve, and Abel are back with this issue—and they'll be in every issue from here on in.

5) There's seven pages of Aragones in this issue and there'll be more next issue.

6) The verdict on our border jokes hasn't come in yet. Until we know for sure if they're plopular or not, we'll continue running them. Fair enough?

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Dear Plop,

Now that we're out of the dingbat league of Plop Awards (I refer, of course, to those of the Yorktown Phantom and the Bucryus Bomber), we shall all sit back and enjoy the awards for issues #15 to #21, inclusive. Or else that 200-foot hamburger shall return—complete with onions!

BEST COVER: Issue #17 grabs the prize for Tonsils Thompson.

BEST SURROUNDING STORY: This most definitely goes to #20's mining disaster.

BEST ARTIST NOT COUNTING SERGIO ARAGONES WHO GETS A SPECIAL AWARD FOR BEING SO GOOD AS TO NOT QUALIFY HERE: David Manak.

DAVID MANAK'S BEST ART JOB: "World's Greatest Gumshoe" (#17).

SERGIO ARAGONES' BEST ART JOB: "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog" from issue #21.

FUNNIEST STORY: This category's winner is "The Make-Out Queen of Lord Byron High" from issue #16.

MOST INTERESTING STORY: Undoubtedly "The Ultimate Weapon" in PLOP #19, one of the best stories of them all.

BEST STORY: "Love Is a Dandy" from issue #16, followed closely by "Damien's Aunt Had to Take the Kid" from issue #15.

BEST MINI-PLOP: All three "Isle of Plop" gags in issue #18.

BEST ISSUE: This was definitely issue #18, because of its two great stories ("Along Came the Elves" and "A Lesson in History")—followed closely by issue #16.

And now, fair warning. I have a garlic-flavored limburger cheese pizza hidden in my onion hamburger which will pay you a visit if this is not printed.

The Montreal Menace

Threats don't scare us, so we're not printing your letter!

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Dear Plop People,

The recent issue of **PLOP** (#22) had some really nice bits of humor—the Wally Wood page, the stake-out of Batman, and the fatman two-pager ("Maybe I Just Have Big Bones?"). However, in a cursory examination, a couple of glaring errors came to view. In the letters page, part of Linas Sabalys' missive reads: "just before **burining** out". Then, in the Peter Pureheart story, "Foiled Again", there's a line that reads: "bomb **who** exploded prematurely". Shouldn't that be **would?** Wanna hire a proofreader?

Mercy Van Vlack, Norristown, Pa.

Are you kidding? Do you know how much effort and time and training we've put into our current proofreaders to get them as good as they are now? Do you know how much dedication goes into a job as difficult as proofreading *PLOP*? Do you know how much these loyal proofreaders pay us in kickbacks to keep their jobs? Do you know we don't have a good ending for this bit?

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Dear Plop,

Who is this **"Tony Isabella"** person who's listed on the first page credits as **"Story Editor"** in this very issue? Where did this person come from? When will he go back?

Jenette Kahn, New York, N.Y.

You just can't get good help any more. Now that Joe Orlando has been promoted to Managing Editor, he thinks he's too busy to personally edit PLOP. So he brought in this new kid—Tony Isabella—and made him the Story Editor of the world's only comic book named after a sound effect. Now we don't want to be too hard on the kid—especially since this is probably the only job he could get after being released from the Happybrook Home for the Mentally Feeble—but this is a pretty big job for a guy who has trouble walking and breathing at the same time. So to help him out, how about sending us your comments on this issue (what you liked best, what you liked least, what you hated, what you like more of)? With such expert advice, even Isabella ought to be able to continue *PLOP* in the proud tradition begun by Joe Orlando.

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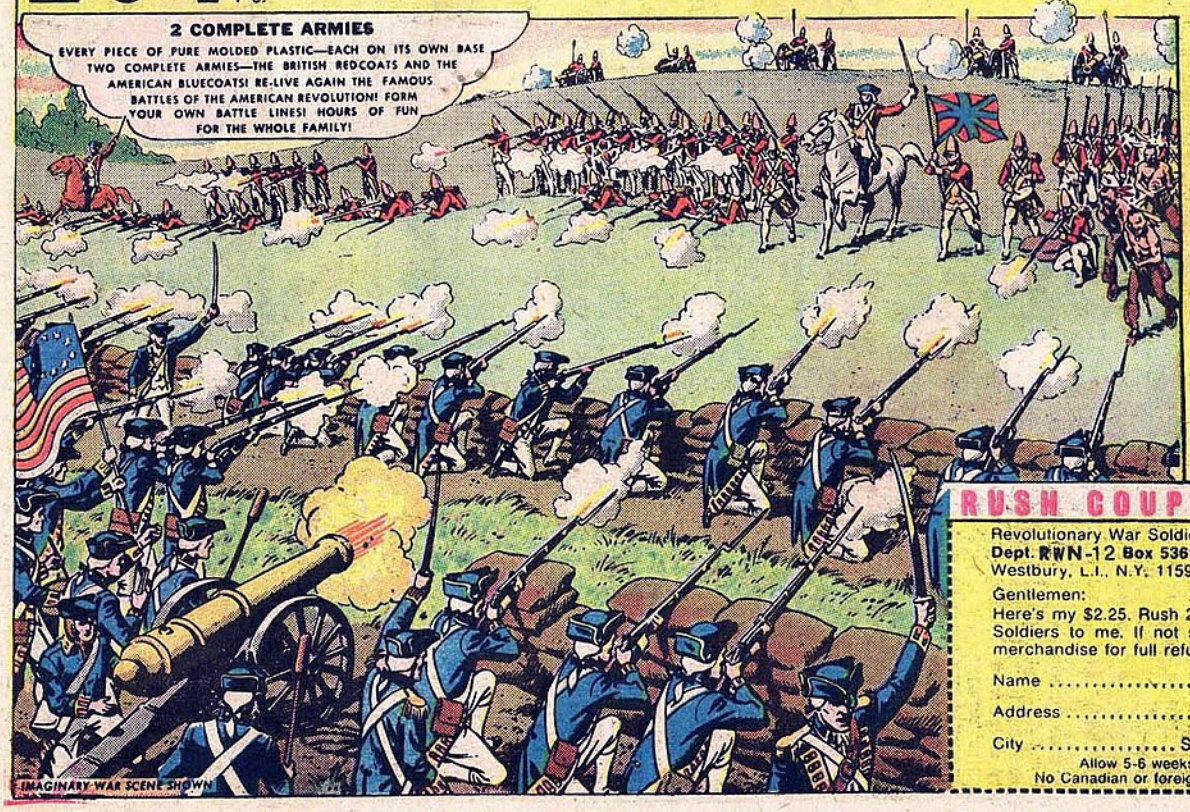

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